

Every boy loves a vacation
at summer camp, and
that includes fathers in this
unique YMCA venture

IN MOST FAMILIES the presents stop when Father's Day ends. But in a unique YMCA program, dads return their sons' gifts all summer long.

These fathers do it by going to camp with their six- to nine-year-old sons. Since work and school ordinarily limit the activities fathers and sons can share, this gift of time and companionship is especially welcome.



At the lakeside camp, fathers and sons enjoy a swim, sail—or just good talk.



Junior tried to get into the bigger kids' games, but they wouldn't hear of it.

Dad Goes to Camp with Junior

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Known as Indian Guides, the dad-son plan thrives in Y's across the country. This group from Charlotte, N. C., takes trips to a camp several times during the summer. The activities there include hiking, games, races, boating, swimming, crafts, and Indian lore, and the feeling of adventure is heightened by sleeping in log cabins and cooking over open campfires.

When the outings are over, the boys not only have become closer to their fathers but have a feeling of participation in an adult world they know only dimly. The fun works both ways, of course: the fathers are just as happy to have shared the joy of being kids again.



Attending worship is a shared experience.



Small fry give their dads a tough battle.



It may be time for chow, but one son (center) won't part with his sneakers.

Often Mom does it, but now Dad tucks in the boys.

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