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Welcome To Camp Mommy

School's out for the summer and it's time to get organized – quickly.

No matter what childcare you've lined up for the summer, i.e., day camp, sleep-away or playgroup – there will be days (weeks!) between camp and school when all the kids are home. Just call it Camp Mommy. And when that happens, once breakfast is over, all heads will swivel towards you, looking to be entertained. Don't look behind you, it won't help – there's no one there.

Now, if you have a pool in your

backyard, you can stop reading and start pouring suntan lotion over everyone. But if you don't, my first piece of advice is to find a friend who does.

Of course, that's not always possible and even if it is but it's raining, don't panic. A little organizing will save you from loads of tears (yours) and whining (hopefully not yours). Get yourself on track now and the other moms on the block will be lining up to hear how you do it. Actually, they probably won't be lining up, they'll be texting you from behind their locked bathroom doors while pretending to

play hide and seek with their kids.

This summer, my kids and I are planning a Camp Mommy, which essentially means I am doing all the planning and they are eating snacks outside of the kitchen (gasp!) while swiveling their heads in my direction.

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day will have its own theme while still leaving room for flexibility and schedule changes because

it's summer and fun happens.

This is what the fluid schedule looks like:

- M-Make it Monday
 - T-Take a trip Tuesday
 - W-Wacky Wednesday
 - Th-Bake something Thursday
 - F- Cleaning Fun Friday
- Shall I explain?

I no longer feel like I have to cram a bunch of destinations into the summer.

