

# **BUYER'S GUIDE**

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When making those important purchasing decisions for your camp, please consider our wonderful Business Affiliates first! For your convenience, each Business Affiliate contact, phone number, website (with link), and brief description of their product or service is listed on the following pages.

The companies listed herein are members of WAIC and have provided their own copy for this guide. The inclusion of a listing does not express an endorsement from the Western Association of Independent Camps.

You can also visit <a href="www.WAIC.org/camp-products-and-services/">www.WAIC.org/camp-products-and-services/</a> for a directory.



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