

Facilitating Camper Tours



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ACTIVITY OPENING, WELCOME CAMPERS!

- **Every activity begins with an enthusiastic HELLO & Welcome to Camper Tours!** NOW introduce yourselves as their Camper Tours A.C's! Remember 1st is Last & Fast! Campers will love their time at Camper Tours as much as you do! Have so much fun!
- **NOW it's time to share names, by leading a NAME WHIP!** This builds community & connection! Get creative & circle up! Ex. Ask them to share their name &

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CAMPER TOURS WITH INTENTION - EVERY OPENING NEEDS A 3 KEYS & 4 OUTCOMES DISCUSSION

Refer to 'Camper Tours with Intention' on the next page to guide you in having a 3 keys & 4 outcomes conversation with campers at the start of each activity period.

- Please address all 3 keys AND talk about what we hope they experience/gain from their time at Camper Tours!

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TIME TO TOUR!

Camper Tours is all about cabinmates working together to video tour 'us' around Camp. Campers will be equipped with an iPhone (offline, only for video recording), mini mic and props!

Since touring all of camp with every cabin would be a lot to ask, instead you'll work with Cabins to help them figure out what one area of Camp they want to video tour during their activity.

Please reference 'Activity Flow' for a breakdown of how you might facilitate Camper Tours. This activity is packed, as it needs to include time for brainstorming, decision making, production and the actual tour(recording).

As the Activity Counselors for Camper Tours, it's critical that you keep them moving so that they can complete the recording of their Camper Tour! (This means helping them skip past analysis paralysis or perfectionism! We want them to have fun, work together and show the camp community why and how they love camp!

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CLOSING TIME!

Thank them for participating! -- Be specific, what were some great qualities you saw in campers? Tell them! Encourage them to do the same!

Closings are a perfect time for reflection! ex. Name + something they thought their cabin did well together during their time at Camper Tours.

Camper Tours with Intention

COUNSELORS ARE ASKED TO HELP CAMPERS GROW IN CAMP'S FOUR OUTCOMES. DURING YOUR ACTIVITY OPENING TELL THEM A LITTLE ABOUT WHAT WE HOPE THEY GAIN FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE AT 'CAMPER TOURS'

SOCIAL COMPETENCIES

Share equipment
Practice patience
Celebrate successes
Manage big feelings

POSITIVE SELF-IDENTITY

Participation
Patience
Perseverance
New skills

INDEPENDENCE & SELF RELIANCE

Learning, developing and practicing skills
taking ownership
showing excitement

SENSE OF SUPPORT

Encouragement
Participation
Helpfulness
Engagement

3 Keys to Success

Physical Safety

- Consider the stamina and mobility of your group, this will help determine where your cabin decided to tour.
- Drink your sunscreen, wear your water!

Emotional Safety

It important to create a supportive environment at Camp!

Let's all remember to be encouraging, kind & helpful!

This activity requires teamwork. As a group project its important to find a role for everyone.

Respect Camp Facilities & Equipment

Have fun, but remember the equipment not only needs to last all summer long, but for years to come.

Check and ensure that all equipment is returning to the Activity building at the end of each activity period.

Prepping for Your Activity

- **USE YOUR RESOURCES!** Your support directors are human resources, don't forget about them!
- Lesson planning can be tough, but the best instructors remain flexible. Have a Plan A and a Plan B. Something that reaches one group of campers may feel different with the next, and the same goes for individual campers.
- **HAVE A PLAN!** Be prepared for each cabin group.
- Think about your timing...work backwards! How long for your closing? How long will it take to execute this activity? How long will it take to walk around camp? What will your Opening/Intro/Frontloading be?
- Be prepared for each cabin group, HAVE A PLAN!
- **SET THE STAGE!** Have all materials, supplies and equipment ready to go BEFORE cabins arrive...prep for the morning...prep for the afternoon!
- **KNOW YOUR CAMPERS!** In what ways will your facilitation differ when working with a teenage cabin versus a unit one cabin?
- **Review camper needs, ensure the cabins plan will work for the entire cabins needs.**

Facilitation: Things to Consider

The activity experience will vary greatly depending on your activity. Some general tips for successfully working with groups include:

- Think about group comfort
- Think about group size
- Make sure you have their attention & then deliver
- Be clear & concise in your words
- Make instructions easily digestible & age appropriate
- Sequencing - timing when its best to present what information for superb camper engagement
- Front Loading - what information is necessary & helpful to present early or during transitions
- How will you & your Co's share facilitation, who will say what and when and how?!

Camp Tours Activity Flow:

- **Brainstorm & choose an area to Tour (3-5 min)**

Not all activity areas will be open for Camper Tours. It will be important that certain activities aren't interrupted, which means Cabins will tour empty activity areas, which change each activity period. Your Program Director will work with you on this, so that you're clear abouts available to each cabin during their time at your activity.

- **Plan the tour! Decide who will do what! Give a brief description of each role. (3-5mins)**

- Camera operator - 2 campers, taking turns
- Director - 2 campers, taking turns (or segments)
- Audio/Prop coordinator - 2 campers sharing the job
- On-camera talent, either interviewer and/or interviewee. - 1- 4 campers

- They know where they want to go, and who will do what part of the production of their tour video. **NOW it's time to figure out what they say!** This part is for everyone!

- Think of a story or message. What do they want to say or show? Do they want to share a story about their time there? Or why they love it? **(5-7mins)**

- **Production and Filming time!**



What is the role of the Cabin Counselor at Camper Tours?

Cabin Counselors are expected to help keep their campers engaged, respectful, and safe.

At Camper Tours, ask cabin counselors to help you:

- Supervise any campers, especially if they're struggling to engage.
- Assist campers with activity instructions when needed. But please, do not take over!
- Be on the lookout for dangerous behaviors, intentional or not.
- Cabin counselors should never leave you alone at an activity, 1-2 cabin counselors must always be present.
- Ensure their health & safety - drinking water & sunscreen too!

Counselors are asked to support campers in their planning and execution of their cabins 'Camper Tour', but not be in their videos, or actively filming - these are camper roles! Consider yourself their assistants, the hope is that they're fully producing and directing their own videos.

Equipment & Storage



- Everything you need & more for Camper Tours can be found in the Meadow Activity Building (MAB).
- If you can't find something you need, or something is broken, please let your support director know as soon as possible.
- Supplies: iPhone, ring light, iPhone stand, mini mic & prop rack!

Health & Safety

- If a participant is injured send them with a counselor to the Med Shed. Rule of 3 applies!
- Should a more serious incident occur:
 - Calm the individual
 - Send an adult to Med Shed for IMMEDIATE assistance
 - Have an adult supervise remaining campers
 - Immobilize the individual
 - Pack and isolate injured area using the activity First Aid kit and supplies
 - Bandage and immobilize in place and if safe, proceed to the Med Shed.
- In case of thunder and lightning we ask that you stay inside for the entirety of your activity period. (see Lightning procedure)
- First Aid and Universal Precaution kits are maintained at this activity.