

PARENT'S QUESTION GUIDE FOR DAY CAMP

LEADERSHIP / STAFF

- ★ What is your background and experience? How long have you owned and run the camp/program?
- ★ What is the camper-counselor ratio? What is the minimum age of the counselors? Where do most of the counselors come from? How are counselors selected and trained? Does counselor gender match group gender?

TRANSPORTATION

- ★ How does bus transportation work?
 - Who drives the buses?
 - What is the ratio of staff to kids on the bus? How many total kids on each bus?
 - How long is the typical bus ride? Is it door to door or a central stops?
 - Is there entertainment / a bus program?
 - How is bus arrival and departure time communicated to parents?

CAMP POPULATION / GEOGRAPHY

- ★ How many campers total and in each age group?
- ★ Where do campers come from?
- ★ How are the groups made?
 - Are they based on geography? Are group requests taken? When are groups coed versus single sex?

ENROLLMENT

- ★ What are the enrollment options for camp?
 - What is the minimum length of the sessions? Is there flexibility in weeks (non consecutive or start/end)?

SCHEDULE / PROGRAM / ACTIVITIES

- ★ What does a typical day look like?
 - What activities are required / how do you decide what activities to offer? How long is each activity?
 - How does swim instruction work? What if my child is more advanced or needs extra help?
 - How many electives do the campers get and what kind of guidance do they receive in choosing them?
- ★ Are there out of camp trips? What ages do those begin?
- ★ What do you have to offer on rainy or extremely hot days?
 - Are there special indoor facilities camps have access to? Or trips?
- ★ How does the program change as campers get older?

CAMP CULTURE

- ★ What makes your camp unique? How would you describe the overall culture, philosophy, and vibe of the camp?
- ★ Are there any special events and traditions like Color War?

FOOD / COMMUNICATION / MEDICAL / SAFETY

- ★ Describe lunch and snack at camp.
 - Is it family-style, buffet, both? Do campers eat with their group or switch around within their age group?
 - Dietary accommodations and options for picky eaters.
- ★ How does the camp communicate with parents (do they post pictures daily, active on social media, have a blog or newsletter)?
- ★ Will I have a designated point of contact during the summer? If there is an issue what is the chain of command for communication?
- ★ Who are your medical personnel (e.g. nurses, consistent doctor on call)? What are the onsite health care facilities like? What is the protocol with a sick child (and pick up)? How is medicine distributed?
- ★ Are there security guards? Do you have an emergency response plan?