

① utilize on-site facilities: water park, museum

② last day of camp invite parents/guardians to participate in the last 1 1/2 - 2 hrs of camp.

campers showcase what they learned + did all week

③ Invite guest presenters (theme-related)

sorry we didn't have many answers - ~~our~~ our table

doesn't do field trips, ^{has special facilities on-site} or has its own bus/transportation.

Thus, this question is rarely a concern.

With field trips and bussing being
so expensive, what are some in-house
special events camps could do to create
a fun alternative to a field trip?

- Get different accounts from campers & counselor & get most accurate information
- Relay all information accurately & open all communication lines
- Positive relationship with parent
 - Try working with positives first & then explain the situation. Parent may be less resistant to hear you out
- If it comes down to it, create w/ parent agreement, a behavior log to keep child ^{& parent} more aware of issues

How do you deal with a Situation when the child is telling the parent a different story than what the Counselor said happened?

Documentation

Approach parent with the problem or incident by asking them for their input on how to handle situations.

Even if child hasn't had a perfect day inform parent of improved behavior.

Always be aware of how you approach the parent.

How do you handle a
parent whose child is
"never wrong"?

- Include staff in interview process
- Have staff come up w/ a list of questions for new site director
(ie. Are you going to do...)
- Have staff let them know what they like about camp's
run & want to stay consistent
- Have an open house before training - meet the director

How would you integrate
a new director with all
returning camp staff?

- * to gain in utare respect for each other.
- * to ^{lay} ~~win~~ everything out on the ^{table} ~~board~~
- * to remember that ~~it's~~ work and not outside work.
- * A job you were hired to do.
- * Stay as ~~a~~ positive as you can.

As a new Camp Site director,
how do you manage camp staff
that used to be your peers?

- weekly staff meetings
- change who they work w/
- bring breakfast for staff
- cooperative games
- Verbal praise
- recognize achievements
 - send home early

How do you keep staff motivated
through the summer?

- 1) Teach Variety
- 2) Give Resources
- 3) Kids Choice
- 4) Weekly Contest to Come up w/ new game
- 5) Choice Box to Draw Games
- 6) Lesson Planning
- 7) Mid-summer get together
- 8) Hiring people w/ different backgrounds ; interests

How do you get Camp Staff to play a variety of games rather than the same old games day after day?

Be excited and motivated yourself

Staff give input

Staff retreat - to share stories, get to

know each other

Staff come up with a group goal(s)

Let them do what they are good at

Rank the activities they feel their good at

Have them use their strengths

Stay involved throughout the summer

Staff appreciation - cook out, gifts....

Staff star of the week

Be their personal cheerleader - GO TEAM!

Communication throughout the year

How do you get your staff excited +
motivated to take ownership in making
Camp a great experience?

- older camps guiding younger campers
- given counselor duties to help w/
line leader / head counter / etc

How do you give children the opportunity
to take a leadership role at camp?

- Theme activities around ~~bug catching~~ outside! ^{bug catching} ^{Gymnastic Challenges} ^{Field Day}
- Inside all yr. long
- Water day
- field Day → build up to it
- Fresh air
- Water park field Trips
- Be excited in demeanor & manner
- Ask Campers & Staff what particular outdoor activities they enjoy.

How do you get Campers (and Staff) excited about being outdoors?

staff recognition party

staff team bonding activities

"Camper of the ~~Week~~ Day"

What are some creative ways to
give campers and staff recognition

over the summer? camp pizza party's
ice cream social.

"Counselor of the week"

"quote & candy of
the week"

Site Director Breakfast