

## **A Camp Marshall's Successful Camper**

**It is important to us here at Camp Marshall that your child has a successful and fun week here at Camp. Please know that it is important to understand what camper behaviors and abilities are expected in each program for campers in order for them to get the most out of their summer camp experience. Ensuring your camper can successfully do the following requirements will lead to an enjoyable and successful summer.**

**Please review the following information and expectations about your specific Camp Marshall Program that you wish to enroll your camper in to ensure that it is the right fit for them and that they will have an enjoyable week.**

### Maple Leaf:

- Campers in this program must be 7-10 years old at time of attendance
- Camper in this program must be fully toilet trained with no assistance required
- Campers in this program must be able to change in and out of their bathing suits and other items of clothing by themselves. Please note that staff are not allowed to help with changing of clothing with the exception of some straps/snaps etc.
- Campers should be able to participate as part of a group with a ratio of 1 staff to 10 campers and a program supervisor
- Campers in this program are in a maximum program size of 40-50 campers 5-6 staff
- Campers should have physical endurance for a camp week example schedule: Arrive at camp between 7 and 8, limited breakfast, activities 9-11, lunch 11-12, swim 1-2, snack, activities 2:30-5:00, pick up 5-5:30
- Campers must be able to stay with their group with reasonable redirection. Campers should not be a flight risk or be constantly wandering away from the group.

### Traditional Day:

- Campers in this program must be 7-16 years old at time of attendance
- Campers in this program must be potty trained
- Campers in this program must be able to change in and out of their bathing suit by themselves
- Campers in this program should be able to participate as part of a group with a ratio of 1 staff to 10 campers
- Campers in this group are in an average group size of 15-25 with 2-3 staff
  - Max group size 25 with 3 staff
  - Avg group size 15-20 with 2-3 staff
  - Some freedom during free swim
  - Campers in this program are always in staff supervised areas of the property

- They are allowed to travel between monitored areas with a buddy as long as a counselor is aware of where they are going and are able to receive word that they made it to the destination or wait for them to return. Walkie talkies are utilized by staff to communicate when campers are traveling between groups and confirm their arrival. Campers do not cross the road without staff supervision. Campers are required to utilize a buddy system when traveling between groups
- Campers in this program should have the physical endurance for a camp week example schedule: Arrive at camp (7-8 or 7:30-8, can't remember our decision), breakfast at 8, activities from 9-12, lunch and rest time 12-2, activities from 2-4:45, pick up at 5,
  - If campers are signed up for extended days, they stay for an additional activity and dinner, getting picked up at 7.
- Campers in this program must be able to stay with their group with reasonable redirection. Campers should not be a flight risk or be constantly wandering away from the group.

#### Traditional Overnight:

- Campers in this program must be 8-16 years old at time of attendance
- Campers in this program must be fully toilet trained and must be able to stay overnight without bedwetting accidents.
- Campers in this program must be able to change in and out of their bathing suit and clothes by themselves
- Campers should be able to participate as part of a group with a ratio of 1 staff to 10 campers
- Campers in this group are in an average group size of 15-25 with 2-3 staff
  - Max group size 25 with 3 staff
  - Avg group size 15-20 with 2-3 staff
  - Some freedom during free swim/evening activity
  - Evening activity has many staff and campers-max 100 campers with at least 25 staff
  - Campers in this program are always in staff supervised areas of the property
    - They are allowed to travel between monitored areas with a buddy as long as a counselor is aware of where they are going and are able to receive word that they made it to the destination or wait for them to return. Walkie talkies are utilized by staff to communicate when campers are traveling between groups and confirm their arrival. Campers do not cross the road without staff supervision.

- Campers should have experience staying away from home for at least one night without parents
- Campers should have the physical endurance for a camp week example schedule: Wake up around 7, breakfast at 8, activities from 9-12, lunch and rest time 12-2, activities from 2-6, dinner, evening activity 7:30-8:30, get ready for bed, bedtime at 9.
- Campers must be able to stay with their group with reasonable redirection. Campers should not be a flight risk or be constantly wandering away from the group.

#### Horse Camp:

- All requirements for day and overnight listed above will apply
- Must have exceptional self control while around the horses and be able to control their body language and actions to avoid creating a safety hazard or a dangerous situation for not only themselves but also others around them.
- Must be able to listen to, and follow, directions from all staff intently. Especially when in their riding lessons and during hands on activities for barn classes/riding.
- Physical endurance for a horse day camp week: Typical camp day is from 6:30am to 9pm (5 or 7pm for day campers) and includes a daily horseback riding lesson as well as unmounted lessons, physical labor of all barn chores such as mucking stalls/paddocks, waters/hay etc. Please know that campers have a rest period each day after lunch.
- Previous horseback riding and/or equine knowledge is **not** required.
- **This is a highly dangerous sport where live animals (of a variety of sizes) will be used and worked with on a regular basis. If your camper cannot follow the safety rules at hand and meet the expectations above, Camp Marshall has the right to remove your camper from this program immediately if they pose a safety threat to our campers, staff members and animals.**

#### LIT:

- Campers in this program must be 14-16 years old at time of attendance
- Campers in this program should also meet the additional expectations in the Traditional Overnight Program
- LIT Program is intended to help older youth realize their leadership potential and develop a sense of social and environmental responsibility.
- This program puts an emphasis on working as a group, collaboration, and good communication skills.
- Campers in this program should have experience staying away from home for at least two nights without parents
- Campers in this program should have the physical endurance for a camp week: Wake up around 7, breakfast at 8, activities from 9-12, lunch and rest time 12-2, activities from 2-6, dinner, evening activity 7:30-8:30, get ready for bed, bedtime at 9.

- Campers in this program must be able to stay with their group with reasonable redirection. Campers should not be a flight risk or be constantly wandering away from the group.

CIT:

- Campers in this program must be 16-17 years old at time of attendance
- Campers in this program should also meet the additional expectations in the Traditional Overnight Program
- Campers in this program are always in staff supervised areas of the property
  - They are allowed to travel between monitored areas with a buddy as long as a counselor is aware of where they are going and are able to receive word that they made it to the destination or wait for them to return. Walkie talkies are utilized by staff to communicate when campers are traveling between groups and confirm their arrival. CITs are able to cross the road without a staff member but must inform one prior to crossing, Campers are required to utilize a buddy system when traveling between groups
- Campers must be able to stay with their group with reasonable redirection. Campers should not be a flight risk or be constantly wandering away from the group.
- Campers in the leadership training program focus on learning skills in childcare and activity programming. During the program they work on behavior management skills, emergency preparedness, and overall responsibility in a group setting
- The purpose of this program is to help older youth grow their leadership skills, build on their sense of social and environmental responsibility, and understand the value and importance of leadership in a specific camp setting
- This program puts an emphasis on working as a group, collaboration, and good communication skills
- Campers in this program assist counselors by being a positive role model to fellow campers
- Campers in this program should understand rules and importance of safety at camp
- Campers in this program should understand they are still considered a camper, they are not a counselor and therefore must be able to respect and listen to all camp rules and staff regardless of age.
- Campers in this program should have experience staying away from home for at least two nights without parents
- Campers in this program should have the physical endurance for a camp week. Example schedule: Wake up around 7, breakfast at 8, activities from 9-12, lunch and rest time 12-2, activities from 2-6, dinner, evening activity 7:30-8:30, get ready for bed, bedtime at 10.