

BRYDGES, Inc.
CAMP HIGHERGROUND
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY PARENTS



What is the hiring policy for staff and counselors?

All camp counselors are volunteers but are screened, selected, and trained no differently than paid staff would be.

To what extent are background checks completed?

A complete background check is done on each staff.

What is the counselor to camper ratio?

Our counselor to camper ratio is 1:8

What is the cell phone policy?

All campers are required to turn in their cell phones to their camp counselor. However, should a camper wish to talk with his/her parents; s/he will be allowed to do so, using his/her phone or that of the staff.

What does a typical day look like? How structured is the schedule?

Every day is very structured with limited free time. The morning starts with cabin devotion, followed by breakfast. After breakfast, the children are broken into small groups to discuss a short passage of scripture and learn how it applies to their life. We will have a theme for each day and the scripture will support the theme. Throughout the day, the children will be reminded in fun and interactive way of the theme. For example, a theme could be "love your neighbor". Throughout the day, the children will be pointed to and engaged in opportunities to show love to one another. Before lunch, the children will engage in team building and challenge activities such as wall climbing, zip lining, competitive field sports, archery, and basket/volley ball. After lunch the children will engage in activities such as dance or music workshop, arts and crafts, drama club, stepping, competitive games, and swimming.

Does the camp specialize in any one activity?

No, we provide a variety of activities during the course of camp. By doing so, we are more likely to tap into the interests and strengths of each camper.

What percentage of campers return each year?

Well over 80% of our campers return each year.

Can parents get in touch with the Camp Director during Camp?

The Directory is always reachable by phone. Parents will receive the cell phone number of

the Director and up to 3 camp staff. Parents are encouraged to call the staff members if the Director cannot be reached.

Who will my child be able to go to if s/he has a problem?

His/her immediate camp counselor

Can I call and communicate with my child during the week?

Yes, parents may call the Camp Director, who will then contact your child's camp counselor to put you in touch with your child.

What do the living quarters look like? Are there indoor bathroom facilities and electricity in the cabins?

Each room is furnished with beds, bathroom, and electricity.

How are campers monitored?

Campers receive direct supervision around the clock. With the small staff:camper ratio and the level of staff interaction with campers in all activities, our campers receive very close supervision.

Is transportation provided?

A chartered bus will be leaving from Hyattsville, MD and possibly from Bronx, NY. The cost from Maryland is \$55, round trip. The cost from New York is to be determined.

Are there sibling discounts?

Families that are not BRYDGES partner with 3 or more children from the same household will register at the partner rate. Families that are BRYDGES partner with 3 or more children from the same household will register at a 15% discount.