



Dear Camp Jewell Parent,

***** Please read this letter carefully*****

The goal of Camp Jewell is to provide a great experience for every child that attends camp this summer. During your child's time at camp they will spend a lot of time with their cabin group, this group quickly becomes a tight knit family for the course of the session and friendships are created that can truly last a lifetime. With this in mind we have very specific policies regarding cabin mate requests...

- ❖ We attempt to provide as diverse a cabin group experience as possible by limiting the number of campers in each cabin from any known social circle or specific town.
- ❖ We will do everything we can to put two campers of similar age together whenever the request is mutual.
- ❖ If a cabin mate request is not mutual, we may still opt to place them together unless a parent specifically requests campers not to be placed together. We cannot place more than two campers together that share cabin requests.
- ❖ Only the first name that appears on the request line will be used for our cabin placement purposes.

With these goals in mind, we will honor one, and only one, cabin mate request from each camper. If you have listed more than one cabin mate request, please be aware that only the first name listed will be entered into your child's records.

If your camper has more than one cabin mate with whom he or she would like to bunk, please speak with your child as well as the other families involved to ensure that your child has one mutual request of similar age.

If your camper did not request a bunkmate, you may do so *up until one week before his or her session begins* by submitting it in writing to camp. Similarly, if your camper would like to change an existing bunkmate request, you may do so *up until one week before the session begins* by submitting the change in writing to camp.

Our main concern is to remove the potential for cliques so that other campers who are coming without a friend will not feel alienated. We are very aware of the anxieties, emotions, and desires that campers feel toward this life changing experience. Our policies are part of the design that allows us to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. If you have any questions regarding our cabin placement procedures, please feel free to call and speak with me or email your request to myself or Marilyn Ducor, Camp Registrar. marilyn.ducor@ghymca.org

Thank you,

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