

WE HEAR YOU



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Summer Camp 2025

Your Opinion Matters!

At The Laurel Foundation, we want our volunteers and camp families to know that when you speak, we listen. When our community gives us feedback, or feed"forward" as we like to say, we take note and consider every suggestion before proceeding into our next event. We received some GREAT feedforward from Summer Camp 2025.

Here are some things we are doing and working on implementing in the future to better meet the wants and needs of our camp community.



Camp Mulberry

Communication

As the number of campers and volunteers on site increases, we're making adjustments to keep up with growing needs. To ensure everyone has access to reliable communication, there will be one walkie-talkie in every cabin. Counselors will receive training on best practices when using a walkie-talkie. We will also be bringing our own megaphone and airhorns, so we can sound an alarm even if the site's alarm system fails.

Updating Camper Applications

Camper applications will include a section for campers to give input on why they want to come to camp. This is a chance for campers themselves (not their parents/guardians) to have agency in expressing their identities, their wants, and their experiences, so we can provide them the best possible experience. Additionally, we will do a one-on-one interview with all new campers. Camp should be full of campers who genuinely want to be there.

Support

In 2026, we will be expanding leadership opportunities so that camp counselors can have more support. We will have 3 - 4 Head Counselors working under the Camp Director and Director of Volunteers. This means there are more chances for the Head Counselors to check in with counselors, and vice versa.

Training

More interactive online training is coming your way! Future online training will include photos of camp and volunteer access to our online Discord server sooner. We're also building an online library of camp games and songs that you can access on your own time, which will not be required, but is a fun way to build excitement for camp!

Programming

We can't overstate how grateful we are for the incredible counselors who stepped up and led activities during Camp Mulberry this year, after we were unable to secure outside facilitators when we had a change of leadership last minute. We will include an option for counselors to express interest in leading Camper's Choice programs, but we will also have a volunteer Program Director working on getting outside facilitators, starting in January 2026. (Does this sound like something you'd like to do? Email Cricket!)