

WE HEAR YOU



Summer Camp 2021



YOUR OPINION MATTERS

At The Laurel Foundation, we want our volunteers and camp families to know when you speak, we listen. When our community gives us feedback, or feed"forward" was we like to say, we take note and consider every suggestion before proceeding into our next event. With that said, we received some GREAT feedforward from Summer Camp 2021. Here are some things we are doing in the future to better meet the needs and wants of our camp community.

Extra Support for Juniors

At a non-COVID camp, Juniors get a bit more attention and help from the C.I.T.s and other counselors. Since we have to keep safety bubbles, we want to make sure Junior cabins are getting all the support they need to ensure campers are safe and can get to programs on time. To this point, we are going to have 3 counselors per Junior cabin until we are able to mix and mingle again!

Modify Camper Applications

We are reviewing our camper applications to ensure we are asking questions that will give us a better understanding of each campers needs before camp! The information will allow us to set up a plan and create specific techniques that will help empower a camper and keep them mentally and emotionally safe at camp. This will ensure we are setting up the camper and volunteers up for success!

Adapting Training

We got some great feed"forward" on how to improve our training for our volunteers! First, we will make sure that content warnings are given whenever there is sensitive material, so that volunteers can prepare themselves to listen. There will also be materials given before training to ensure there is enough time at training to do more of the 'fun stuff'! We are also going back to having split lessons for new volunteers and returners, so that we can help build the leadership of our returning volunteers. Lastly, we will bring in more specialty facilitators that can bring training to a higher level and make each workshop more helpful!

Additional Training

This summer showed us how our campers can carry trauma and how it can manifest in different ways. Many of you said you would like some special training on how to help campers before going to Help Team. We are looking into ways of getting this additional training for our volunteers!