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The Camp Director's Parent Communication Kit

A practical guide to clear, consistent, and efficient parent updates

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

What this is

This guide is for small day-camp directors.

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Use the checklist at the end on a real piece of work this week.

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Daily Updates: Structure and Timing

Send a single, brief daily update via email or text by 6:00 PM. Include three key points: the day’s highlights, one learning moment, and a reminder of the next day’s theme or activity. Keep it under 120 words. Use a consistent format—bullet points or short paragraphs—to make scanning easy. Avoid jargon; parents want to know what their child did, not camp lingo. Schedule the update at the same time daily to build reliability. If there’s no major news, repeat a favorite activity or a child’s achievement from earlier in the week. This builds anticipation and reassures parents their child is engaged.

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Incident Notes: Clarity and Follow-Up

Document every incident—big or small—in a clear, factual note sent within 24 hours. Include the time, location, what happened, actions taken, and any follow-up needed. For minor incidents, a text suffices; for serious ones, use email. Parents want to know how you addressed the issue, not just what occurred. Example: ‘Liam had a minor scrape during outdoor play. We cleaned it and applied bandage. He’s fine and playing now.’ Avoid emotional language; stick to facts. If a pattern emerges (e.g., frequent scrapes), flag it in the note to prompt a broader conversation. Always offer a way to respond—‘Reply if you’d like to discuss further.’

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Pickup Procedures: Reduce Chaos

Standardize pickup procedures to minimize confusion. Assign a clear meeting spot, such as the front office or a marked area near the exit. Use a sign-in sheet or digital check-in (via text or app) to track arrivals. Communicate the process in advance—include it in your camp orientation email and post it on your website. Assign a staff member to oversee pickup during peak times. For early or late pickups, require advance notice and a photo ID. Example: ‘Please arrive by 3:30 PM for pickup. If running late, text us by 3:15 PM.’ This reduces stress for both parents and staff. If a parent is consistently late, address it privately but document it for future reference.

Consistency Across Channels

Use the same tone and key details across all communication channels—email, text, social media, and the camp website. For example, if you mention a field trip in the daily update, repeat the date, time, and location on your website. Avoid conflicting information; parents check multiple sources. Keep texts for urgent updates (e.g., weather changes) and emails for detailed information (e.g., camp policies or event sign-ups). Social media can complement updates but shouldn’t replace them—use it for visuals (e.g., photos of activities) or quick reminders. Always include a contact method in every message, even if it’s just your personal email or phone number. This builds trust and ensures parents know how to reach you.

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Parent Feedback: Build Trust

Encourage feedback with a simple, low-pressure survey or comment box at pickup. Ask one clear question, such as ‘How can we improve today?’ or ‘Did your child enjoy the activities?’ Offer a brief, open-ended response option. Use feedback to refine your communication—if parents repeatedly ask for more details about a specific activity, adjust your daily updates. Address concerns privately but publicly acknowledge improvements. Example: ‘Based on your feedback, we’re adding a 10-minute quiet time before lunch. Thank you for sharing your thoughts!’ This shows you value their input and are responsive. Keep feedback requests brief to avoid overwhelming parents or staff.

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Checklist

- [ ] Create a template for daily updates and incident notes to save time.
- [ ] Schedule daily updates for the same time each day and stick to it.
- [ ] Assign a staff member to oversee pickup procedures during peak times.
- [ ] Use the same tone and key details across all communication channels.
- [ ] Send a brief feedback survey or comment box to parents at least once per session.

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