



BRING CAMP HOME



HELPING THE STORIES CONTINUE LONG AFTER THE BUSES ARRIVE.



The buses pull in. Hugs happen.
You ask the question every parent asks...

"How was camp?"

And almost every camper says...

"Good!"

It's not because they don't want to talk.
It's because they don't know where to begin.

The stories will come—on the ride home,
while unpacking, over dinner, or weeks from
now when something reminds them of camp.

This guide is full of ideas to help spark
the conversations that keep camp
alive long after summer ends.



THE PEOPLE

Ask me about...

- someone who made me laugh
- someone I didn't know before camp
- someone who surprised me
- someone I looked up to
- someone who challenged me
- someone I helped
- someone who helped me
- a counselor who made a difference



CABIN LIFE

Ask me to tell you about...

- what it was really like living with my bunk
- Milk & Cookies
- cabin games
- games we played on campus during rest outside
- the funniest thing that happened in the cabin
- inside jokes
- cabin clean-up



MY DAYS

Camp isn't one thing.
It's a little bit of everything.

- athletics
- the waterfront
- arts
- Outdoor Adventure
- electives
- Build Your Own Schedule
- specialty camps
- trying something completely new
- something I couldn't wait to do again



EVENINGS AT CAMP

Ask me about...

- Community Campfire
- singing the Alma Mater
- Aaron and others playing songs for everyone
- Division Nights
- Campus Nights
- all-camp activities
- Lip Sync
- Cobar Run
- the funniest evening of the summer



ADVENTURES

Ask me about...

- Trip Day
- multiple day trips to amazing places (Varsity & LT)
- exploring somewhere new
- intercamp games
- indoor camp games



THE LITTLE THINGS

Ask me about...

- canteen
- Moo Call
- walking to activities
- announcements
- a rainy day
- a surprise treat
- the music we listened to
- something I miss already



GROWING UP

Ask me about...

- something that felt hard
- something that became easier
- something I learned about myself
- something that made me proud
- a mistake I learned from
- a challenge I overcame
- a moment I'll never forget



EVERY CAMPER. EVERY STORY. THIS IS CHESTNUT LAKE.

= GREAT QUESTIONS =

INSTEAD OF...

HOW WAS CAMP?

TRY... →



Tell me one story that made you laugh.



Tell me about someone I'm going to hear about all year long.



What part of camp felt most like "you"?



What surprised you this summer?



What's a story that didn't make the photos?



Tell me about an evening you'll never forget.



What's something you tried that you never thought you'd enjoy?



Tell me about a moment that felt really important.



If I could watch five minutes from your entire summer, which five minutes would you choose?



What's something your counselors would probably remember about you?



What was the biggest challenge you faced?



What's something you're more confident doing now than when camp started?



If camp had one soundtrack, what songs would be on it?



What do you hope you'll still remember a year from now?



Is there anything you wish you could do all over again?

THE STORIES DON'T END WHEN CAMP ENDS.

They begin again every time your camper tells one. ❤️

COME BACK
NEXT SUMMER
AND GET TO
EXPERIENCE
EVEN MORE!



🌲 REAL LIFE. 🌲 TRUE FRIENDS. 🌲 GREAT PEOPLE. 🌲 SMALL MOMENTS. 🌲 BIG IMPACT.