

Dear Camp Hollymont Parent,

Would you like to see what your child is experiencing at Hollymont?

We are pleased to once again team up with Bunk1 to offer a wonderful online photo and email program. Throughout your child's session, you will be able to view photos of your camper playing, learning, and smiling. You can save your favorite pictures, share them with your relatives, and even purchase high-quality prints. For a fee, you may send your camper one-way email using "Bunk Notes". **Bunk Notes are delivered to us via one large e-mail at approximately 4 a.m. each morning.** Each morning when we arrive in the office, we print the Bunk Notes, sort them, and send them to the mail room for distribution in the cluster during rest hour.

We strongly recommend that you continue to send your daughter cards and letters. Handwritten communications are very personal and are more likely to be carried around and cherished for years to come. Please keep "thinking of you" thoughts upbeat and supportive. It can be very difficult for a child if she senses the folks back home are (a) desperately missing her or (b) having a wonderful time without her. To encourage communication from the campers, **we strongly suggest that parents of younger campers sit down with their child before camp to address and stamp the envelopes** for letters to parents, family, and friends. We do not have the facilities and/or manpower for campers to send e-mails.

During the summer at Camp Hollymont we live in a self-contained world peopled by campers and counselors. To minimize homesickness Hollymont campers are fully immersed in activities from breakfast until bedtime. Calls to and from home are very disruptive because the camper must physically pull away from camp activities to use the phone and she must also emotionally shift between "home mode" and "camp mode". **We ask that telephone communications to or from home be limited to emergencies or time sensitive issues.** Otherwise, important lessons of independence and self-reliance will be short-circuited. Please encourage your child to seek her counselor's help when she needs something.

You are always welcome to call the directors or your child's counselor with a question, a concern, or a suggestion. Since camp days are action-packed and staff members are often leading camper activities, the office staff may need to take a detailed message and have the appropriate staff member return your call when the camp schedule permits (generally rest hour or when the campers are in bed).

Parents and staff must work together to make each day at Hollymont a successful one for their campers. Your assistance with phone communications and letter and e-mail correspondence is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lauren Glass
Director

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Director