

Specific Questions to Learn More About Your Camper's Experience

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for entrusting your camper to the care of Sky Lake!

We would appreciate if you and your camper could take a few minutes of time to fill out the parent evaluation together (link in e-mail). We want to know the things your camper enjoyed the most and the areas where we could improve, too, so that we can use your advice to decide where to put our energies. (Please don't assume we already know something that you've noticed!). Your advice and feedback will have an impact on how we finish this summer and prepare for the next.

Sky Lake aims to transform the lives of campers by helping them to better connect with God, with one another, and with Creation. To help keep your camper's memories alive, we hope you can make time to talk about what they did and how they feel about it. To avoid getting one-word answers (like "Yeah" and "Nope"), we invite you to use open-ended questions that require them to think about the answer and put it into their own words. Depending on age, you could try . . .

"I heard that each day you did a different evening program. I'd love to hear about one of them!"

"Did your family group get to sleep out overnight? Where did you go? What did you do after dark?"

"Which activities did you like best? What did you get to do? What did you get better at?"

"What were some of the family group activities you all chose to do? What happened? How did they go?"

"I'd love to learn some of the songs you sang at camp."

"What were some of the responsibilities you had at camp? How did your family group make decisions together?"

"Who were your friends at camp? What did you do together? Would you like to write a letter?"

"Who was your favorite counselor? What did you like about her/him?"

"What are evening vespers? What are some of the things you did during that time?"

"I heard that there were lots of ways to earn different beads to put on your nametag lanyard. What are some of the you did to earn your beads? Did you try anything new?"

"I heard you learned about the Holy Spirit at camp. What was your favorite Bible study?"

Your interest in the experience your camper had at Sky Lake can help to ensure lifelong memories. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or write. We'll keep you posted on when enrollment for 2016 will begin and hope to see you back at Sky Lake again soon!

Campingly yours,

The Sky Lake Office Elves (and Harvey the Hippo!)