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PRO-TIPS FOR SHARING CAMP WITH ANOTHER SCHOOL

There is such a need and demand for Outdoor and Environmental Education today! As a result, Camp Seymour is full year-round serving over 120 different schools from the state of Washington. This means that most of the time schools will be sharing camp with other schools. When we have more than one school at a time, the schools have separate learning groups, classes, and most evening programs, but the schools do share meal times in the Dining Hall as well as Recreation Time in the afternoons. On the rare occasions when conflict arises between schools sharing camp, school staff are responsible for working out any issues with the other school in a respectful way. Sharing camp can truly be a positive and rewarding experience for everyone.

We have provided a few tips to making sharing camp a better experience for all campers:

- Inform your students, cabin leaders, and teachers before arriving at camp that they will be sharing camp with another group of students.
- A successful time at camp starts with the adults. If the adults can show that they can successfully share, it makes it easier for the campers to share. Sharing, tolerance, and respectfulness are important life skills we can teach. If student behavior from another school needs to be corrected, please let that student's teachers address that correction.
- Pre-assign an adult to stay at the luggage shelter during your move-out time ensuring your students put their luggage in the correct bin so that it does not get loaded onto the wrong bus.

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