

brookhaven country day camp



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GROUP

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONALITY FORM

The personality form is an important guide for your child's counselors. It is also used in grouping your child with his/her friends, if requested.

Please do not hesitate to answer, in detail, using a separate sheet of paper if necessary. Please mail the Personality

Form back to us at the above address **IMMEDIATELY**. _____FIRST NAME_____ SEX LAST NAME Other name you want child called _______ BIRTHDATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year ____ _OCCUPATION__ WORK PHONE CELL PHONE MOTHER'S NAME____ OCCUPATION WORK PHONE CELL PHONE FATHER'S NAME □ MOTHER □ FATHER □ SISTERS □ BROTHERS WHO LIVES AT HOME: ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS OR ALLERGIES Any emotional or physical disturbances?_____ If "yes", what treatment or care has been given?_____ Is child restricted by physician from any activities?_____ How well does your child socialize with others?_____ Is there any unusual situation at home which may affect the child's behavior or attitude at camp?_____ Does your child have a fear of the water? What are your child's favorite activities or pastimes?_____ IMPORTANT-DEADLINE FOR GROUP REQUESTS – JUNE 1ST Children usually enjoy being grouped with friends. If your child has a special friend his/her own age and or/grade, we can group them together if we receive this form before JUNE 1ST. Please list friends that your child would enjoy being with (we do not place large groups of friends together in order to avoid cliques), in order of preference:

NOTE: All requests of "to be with" or "not to be with" must have cross endorsements from both sets of parents. We would like this in writing on each child's Confidential Form. Conflicts in placement must be discussed and resolved between both sets of parents.

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A Special Note Regarding Personal Information about Your Child

You will notice that our application contains space for personal information regarding your child. We would like to take a moment to talk to you about this important question.

Some parents hesitate to provide camps with personal information about their child's behavior or past experience. Some fear the information may be misused, while others are concerned about their child being labeled, singled out or treated differently. All parents want to see their child have a strong, fresh start at camp, unencumbered by past problems.

As seasoned camp directors, who are ourselves parents, we appreciate these concerns. We also know how invaluable such information can be in assisting us to help your child make as smooth and happy an adjustment to camp as possible- something we know all parents want, too!

Having prior knowledge about learning difficulty, ADHD, a bed-wetting problem or a recent loss or major change in the family or child's life makes a tremendous difference in helping us to be sensitive to your child's need for patience, understanding and reassurance - especially in the first few days of camp.

This is especially true for children who have attention problems or who are nervous about new situations. Many parents fear that a camp will not accept their child if they are completely forthcoming about these situations, yet *children need us to be partners with you in planning for a safe and successful summer.*

Furthermore, children often use their behavior rather than their words to tell us something is bothering them. Having advance knowledge of areas that might be difficult for your child helps us understand the message in his or her actions. The better we understand your child, the more we can assure you of a better summer for him or her.

Our commitment is to use such information only to help your child adjust to camp. It will never be used at camp unless necessary, and then only with the greatest of discretion and your prior knowledge.

Remember, when faced with challenges, we can help your child have great success. We encourage you to make us a full partner in planning for your child's summer.