



AFTER ACTION REPORT

CAMP LMT 2023

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Statistics:

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Approximate Attendance: 207 unique campers

About this Report

Three surveys were deployed at the end of the season to aid in growth for the future. One survey was sent to summer camp staff, one to Edgewood parents and one to Community Center parents to gain all perspectives.

2023 Facts:

- Camp A second location at Edgewood Elementary School.
- 2023 camp was the largest it has ever been.
- Additional Camp staff were hired to respond to registration numbers.
- Camp had the first six CITs.
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Overall, most parents and staff were pleased with the year, there was some great feedback that will allow the Parks and Recreation Staff to adjust heading into 2024.

Key points:

- Develop a three-layer plan to prepare for weather events on Fridays.
- Develop a more well-rounded training program for camp staff to cover more clearly some of the topics mentioned in the feedback.
- Adjust the pickup procedure for Edgewood School.
- Add daily sunscreen roundups at 10:30AM and 1:30PM.
- Reassign staff to have specialists for Art, Science, Reading, physical Activity.
- Add a summer position of overarching Camp Manager. Requirement of Certified Teacher.
- Re-evaluate trips, lean toward full day trips rather than trips with hourly limits.
- Split sites by grade rather than age.

(Full Survey Report below)



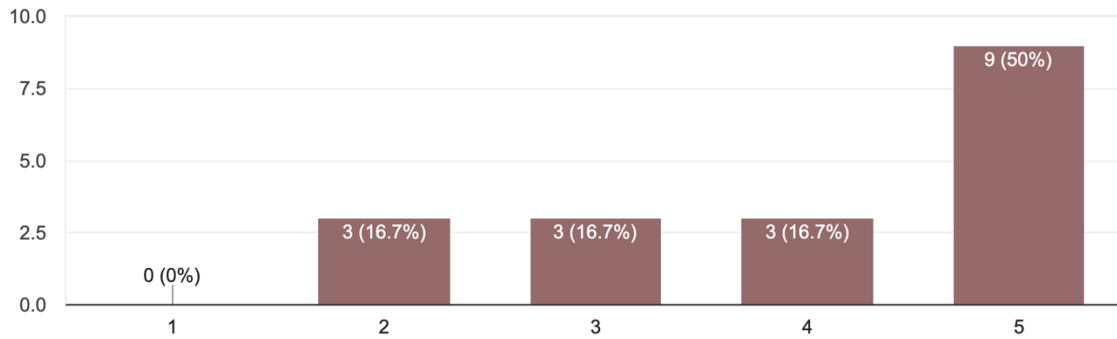


Edgewood

Overall experience:

What is your overall satisfaction of camp?

18 responses



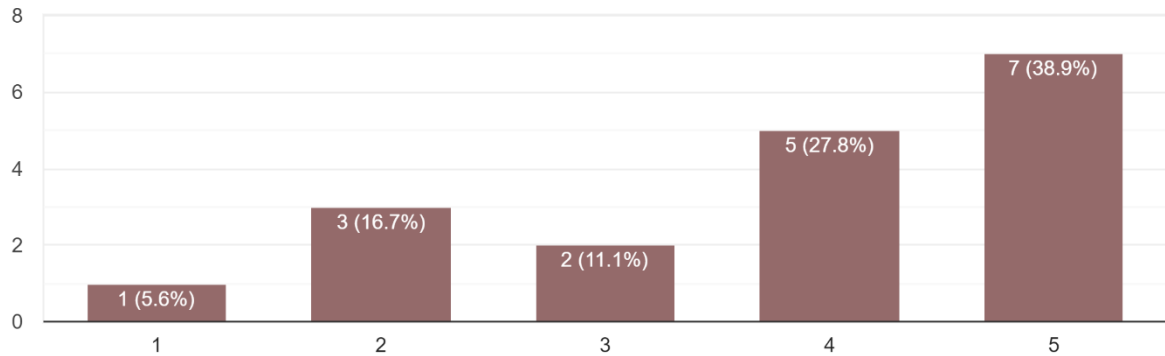


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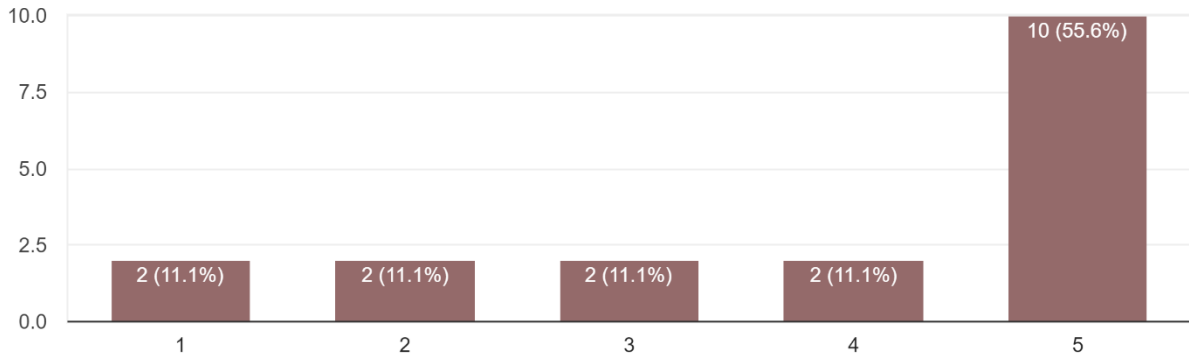
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Overall what is your satisfaction with the addition of a second location?

18 responses



Recommendations for future trips/in house entertainment? 15 responses

- Magician for in house, altitude, movie theater
- movie theatre, a group hike at the nature path nearby, stops at the library on hot days
- She missed goat yoga this year
- Please avoid going into the city next year.
- Urban Air
- My comment is not about more trips but about getting broader access to the space at Edgewood. Example, classrooms, library (they have a library day for all Edgewood students, why not let them read or watch a movie without taking books out). Bring in paid opportunities, called enrichment in





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the school year, uncharged activities to opt into at the camp, say indoors in the afternoon when its hot. Last, some of the drives to activities may have been a little long for the length of time for the activity. A good example was Dorney.

- More choices of activities for kids during the day. More crafts for example.
- Field trips are good, we were disappointed with the level of activity for normal days. Sprinkler was basic and not enough for kids to enjoy, and the amount of movies watched is far too much. We could do those things at home. We want active and different activities each day that tire the kids out.
- Farms, pirate adventure at point pleasant
- There should be more activities planned thru out the day for the children to be engaged in. I didn't realized they watched a movie everyday. I would like to see more organized activities everyday so they can be active not just watching a movie or making bracelets everyday.
- Diggerland? Bring in a scientist to do kid friendly experiments. Bubble foam days. See a play.
- My daughter's feedback to me was that the field trips were not long enough and you would come back to Yardley with lots of time to spare. Overall she liked the selection of field trips except for the Citizens Bank day.
- I would add more engaging activities to do while they are at camp. In addition, I would not make it an option for the kids to participate in some of the activities. Once one kid opts out, many more will follow. And there were a lot of issues when the kids sat out and had nothing to do. Also- most of the field trips were good except for the Citizens Bank Park tour
- Doing great with selections already
- Please Touch Museum, Nature Area

What was your child's favorite activity during camp? 18 responses

- The field trips and swimming
- field trips.. he loved the phillies trip!!
- Trips are the highlight for her; she does love pool days - increasing those to a few times a week would be great!
- Kickball and the pool!
- field trips
- Pool and field trips. Spending time outside
- The pool.
- Field trips and the pool
- Kickball
- Field trips
- Thursdays - lots of being outside and then ice cream break
- Playing outside, and the trip to funzilla
- Pool days. Zoo. And the upcoming sesame trip.





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- Pool time and field trips. Pool time should be daily and for a couple of hours only. One day all day was way too much sun for the kids.
- Funzilla
- Franklin Institute - Loved all the field trips
- LMT Pool, Color Run
- Pool and trips. Otherwise he was bored with not enough supervision.

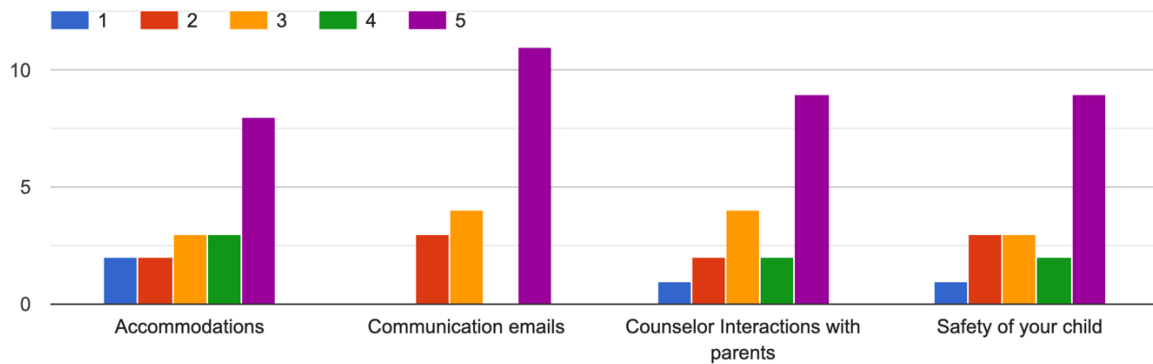
What was your child's least favorite activity during camp?¹⁷ responses

- Downtime
- Sprinkler day
- Theme days (i.e. wacky clothes, etc.)
- Going to the soccer facility
- eating outside
- None
- The Phillies stadium visit.
- My so. (6yo) had fun most days. My daughter (almost 10) was bored on days that their group was only on the playground and in the gym. She didn't feel like the options were great for her age. On the upside, she read books. But she doesn't want to come back.
- Nothing
- Sprinkler
- Sprinkler days
- Watching movies
- Sprinkler. Would rather a water slide.
- She complained to me daily that there was too much free time and that the arts and crafts could have been heavily enhanced.
- A lot of activities at the Edgewood School were not engaging.
- Liked all trips, but Zoo was just okay. Favorite animals were not there
- Talent show and waiting to be picked up. Doing nothing for the last half hour of the day.



Logistics:

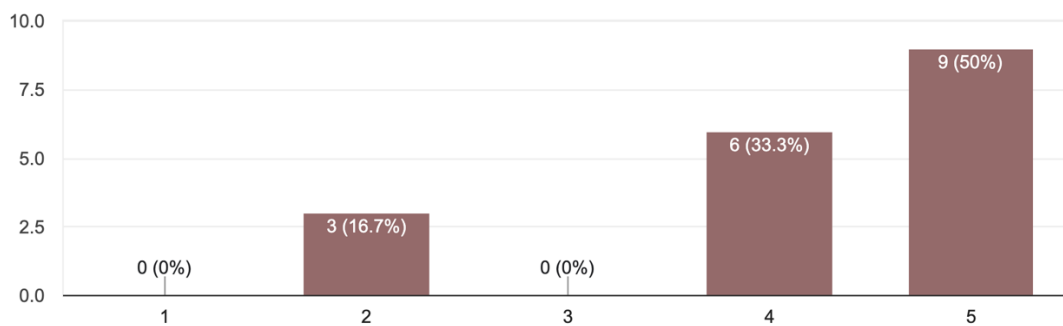
How satisfied were you with the logistics?



Feedback of Camp Staff:

Overall feedback of camp staff?

18 responses

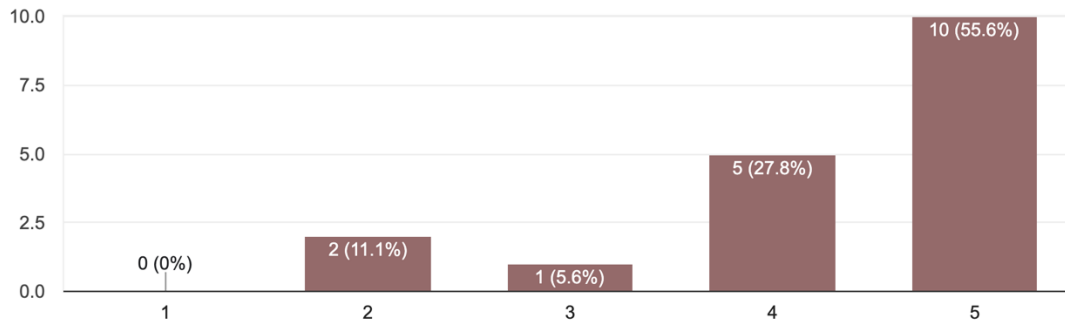




Communication of Weekly Activities:

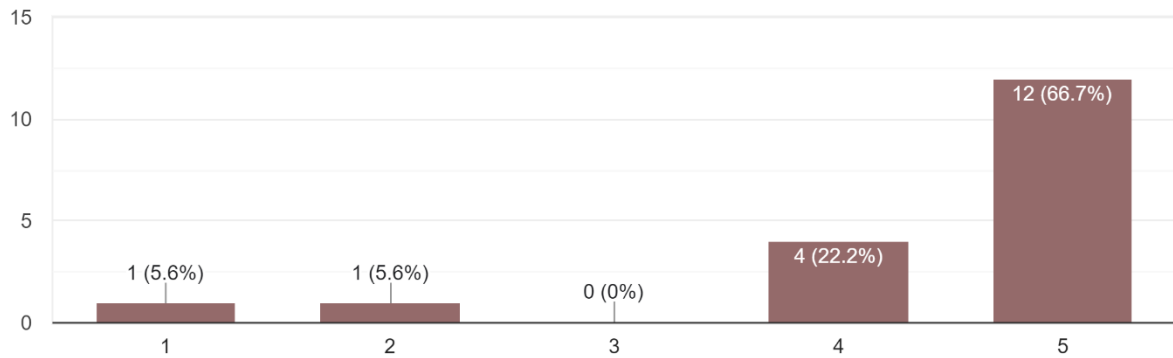
How satisfied are you with the overall communication of weekly activities?

18 responses



How would your child rate their experience with Camp LMT & Counselors?

18 responses



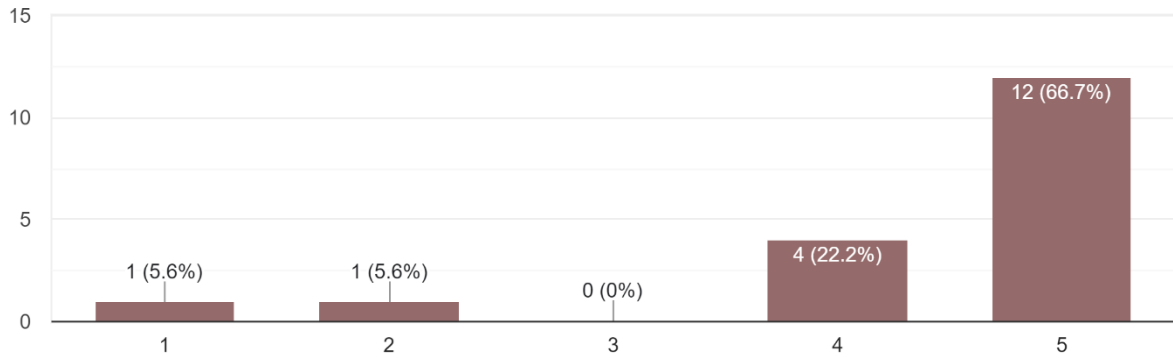


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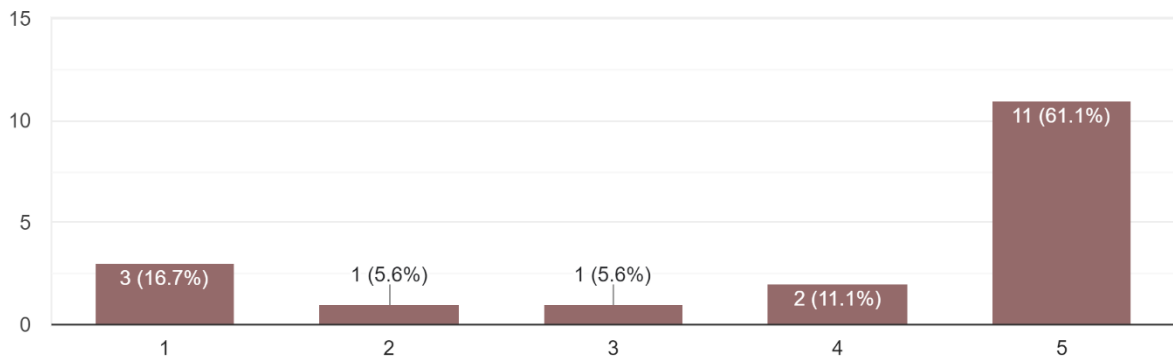
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Satisfaction of Second Location:



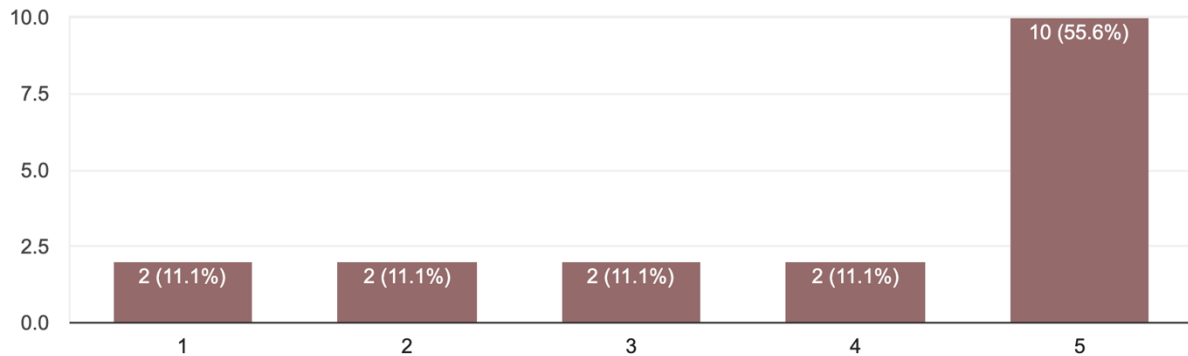


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Overall what is your satisfaction with the addition of a second location?

18 responses



Any additional comments regarding the camp counselors, camp manager, and or program manager to improve our camp or to keep the same. 15 responses

- The counselors are amazing they are all cheerful and highly interactive.... I would love to see some flexibility with the before/ after care. Not all 5 days a week are needed and it would be nice to be able to pay lets say \$10 a day for the use if need be, of course days attending being planned ahead.
- The best camp in PA!
- My son loved the camp and asked to come back next year!
- It was difficult where to choose to send my 9 year old due to splitting of that age group between the two sites. The ages should be kept together.
- I think you do a great job. The kids LOVE the counselors and they are a big part of the experience being successful.
- For activities, it would be great to know what they are doing in the gym. Comment on counselors is mostly about making sure kids follow through when they tell them to reapply sunscreen.
- I would just suggest having a back up location in case of rain, since it's hard to find last minute help with the kids. Other than that, it's been a great summer.
- This was our second summer and we had a great experience last year. I felt the activities were not as good this year. Need more diversity and active things to do.
- I think the Edgewood location was great there just should be stations so the kids are doing different sports daily. I would like to see more organized activities done daily. The trips are good they should just be longer or not as far.
- The only recommendation I have is in the case of bad weather on pool days, there needs to be a set backup plan that can be used at anytime during those days. I understand the effort that was made to avoid that one week but having a set backup plan can avoid that. Other than that, the summer camp has been thoroughly enjoyed by my camper. Thank you :)





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- Unfortunately, my child did not care for camp LMT, she needs more structure and excitement. Here are some bullet points that could be improved. • Include money for ice cream in the cost of the camp. Having parents remember to have cash on hand and give their child cash or they will be the only kid without ice cream is difficult. • After the first few days IDs were no longer checked at checkout. This is completely unsafe. My father-in-law picked up my daughter once without written permission or ID without any issue. I found out about it when they walked into my house. • Counselors should be trained in conflict resolution and early childhood care. This could happen the week prior to camp in some type of orientation. I got the impression the first day of camp was everyone's first day at work. • You have lost the trust in your parents when you cancel camp. It's an additional slap in the face to not provide a refund when you do not have a written policy justifying your actions. • The Remind app works better for immediate connection with parents but not for weekly scheduling emails. My child went to Camp LMT for 6 of the 8 weeks but I continued to get the Remind message the weeks she was not active. • I email the camp coordinator several times with no reply.
- I know that there are a lot of teenagers as counselors, but there needs to be more adults with camp or leadership experience to help direct, empower, and lead the teenagers to take charge of the campers. A lot of issues happened due to lack of responsible supervision. For example it would be a good idea to have an adult directly leading each group with teenagers as assistant counselors. Also- having the kids spend all day at the pool is too much. Spending a few hours for a few days each week would be better. Finally, cancelling camp that one day was inexcusable. There needs to be better weather contingencies.
- All was great. Miss Grace was a rockstar as far as keeping group parents informed.
- Would love the aftercare to have an older staffer present and additional structure.
- Too many kids per assigned counselor could not manage and supervise all of them. My child got hurt on the funzilla trip and had problems with other kids this year. Much different than last year's camp. Pick up was a circus kids all over on stage walking out the door. Not checking any sort of ID's??

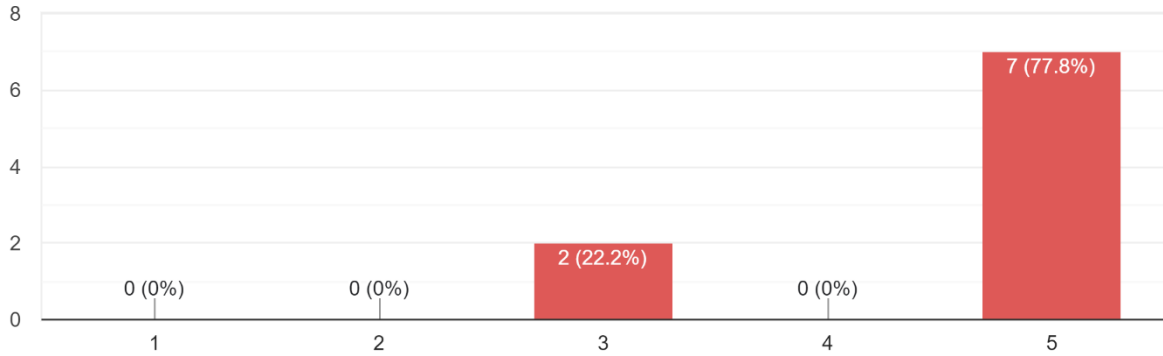
Community Center





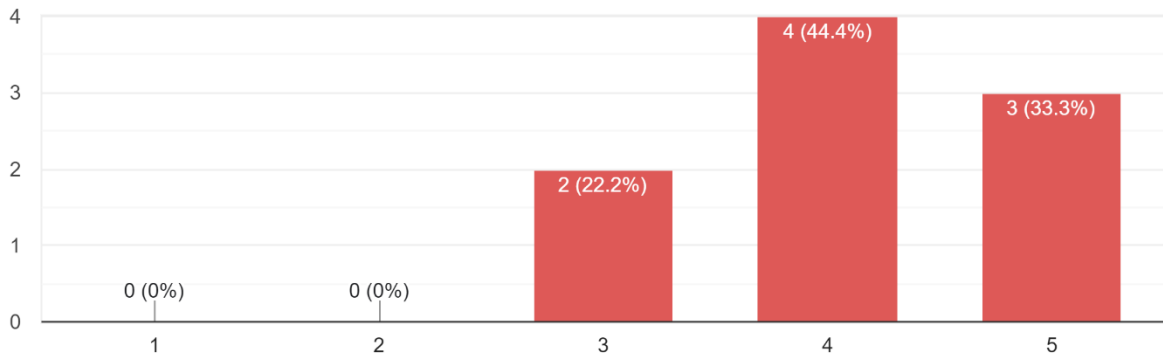
What is your overall satisfaction of camp?

9 responses



How satisfied were you with the activities offered?

9 responses



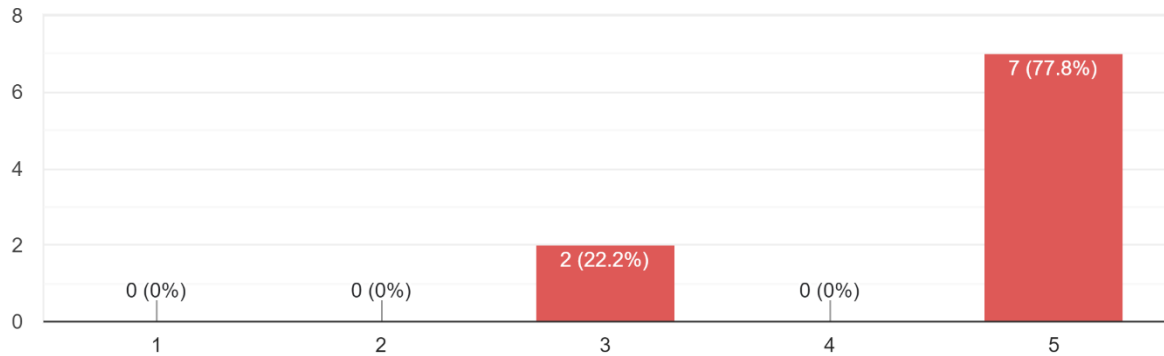


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Overall what is your satisfaction with the addition of a second location?

9 responses



Recommendations for future trips/in house entertainment? 9 responses

- Laser Tag, water parks, animal specialist
- I think you had a nice mix of trips. There was something for everyone.
- Trips planned were age appropriate and great! Wouldn't change a thing!
- Skip sesame for the older kids
- Additional trips to Tyler State park or Core Creek
- 6 flags or Hershey Park, instead of Dorney. Skateplex for 4 level. No sesame for level 4.
- More insight activities - tetherball out back of center, Ping pong (they make concrete and metal outdoor tables), frisbee golf hole or two to play, around the edge of the softball field or back of community center, 2 short holes. Horseshoes. Chess and checker tables (older folks would like as well). It looks like you have 2.25 acres of field and space to work with behind the community center with area that cuts over towards the practice baseball fields. Add some shade shelters or a pavilion for camp. More outdoor games/activities (permanent for everyone and exclusively for camp in the summer), outdoor covered area would be really helpful. Maybe that area (if there is electricity and water), could include a few misting fans for very hot days.
- Goat yoga, bowling
- A farm where they can interact with the animals

What was your child's favorite activity during camp? 9 responses

- The Pool
- He loved swimming, ice cream day & the field trips
- Dorney Park





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- Trips
- Tyler State Park and pool
- Pool on Friday, Phillies tour. Kayaking was amazing.
- Pool. Counselor interactions
- Capture the Flag
- Color run

What was your child's least favorite activity during camp? 9 responses

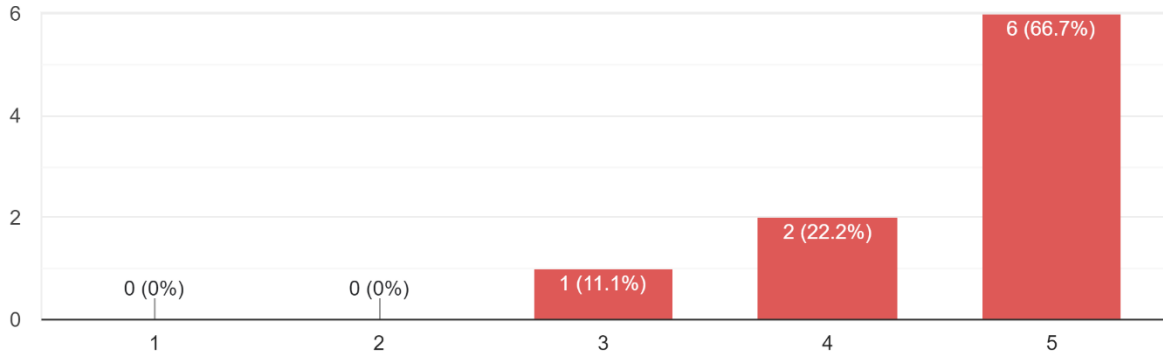
- Indoor games, hanging around.
- NA
- NA she loved them all
- The unstructured time and that water play kept getting skipped on Mondays
- In general, Tuesday and thursdays a little “boring” for the tween
- Water play activities for level 4 and needing to carry water shoes everywhere. Watching movies for my tween.
- Anything with not enough time on site after a ride to the activity. 1 hour ride, 2 hours on site, 1 hour back, too much bus not enough activity is an example (although times may not be correct).
- Kickball
- Monday water play





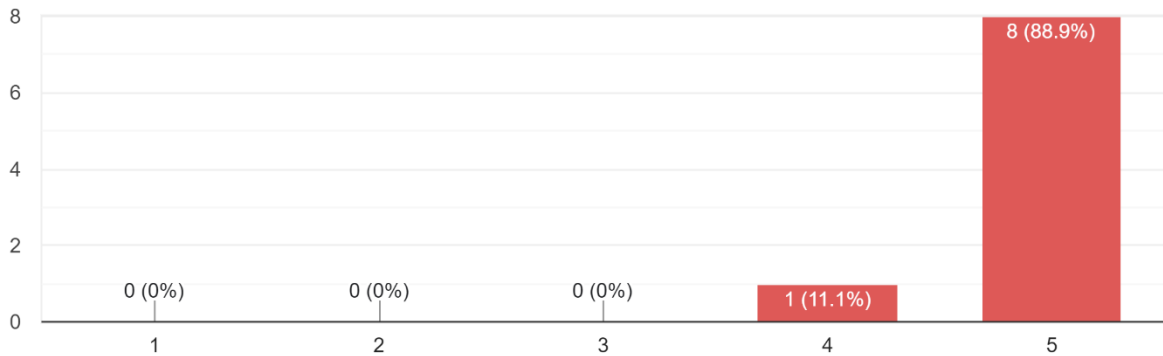
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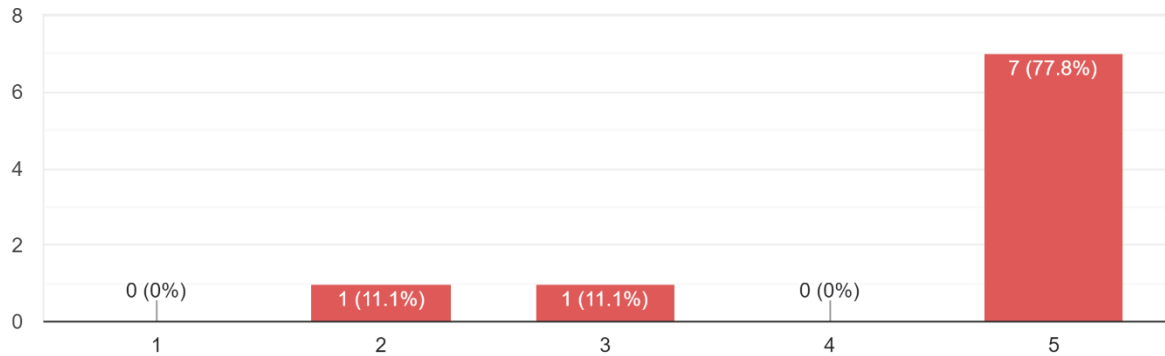


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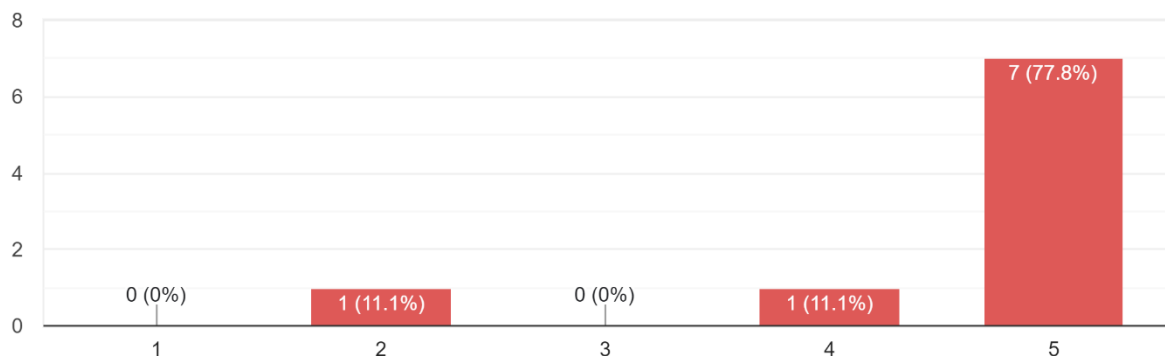
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- I think there was too much downtime and waiting around. A couple kids said they were kinda bored between activities
- Everyone was so friendly & my son had a great time. Communication is excellent! Thank you!
- My child loves camp! Was excited everyday to get up and go which hasn't been like that in years past. Her friends and new friends she made is wonderful and she can't wait till next year!!! Thank you Camp LMT and Tween Camp!



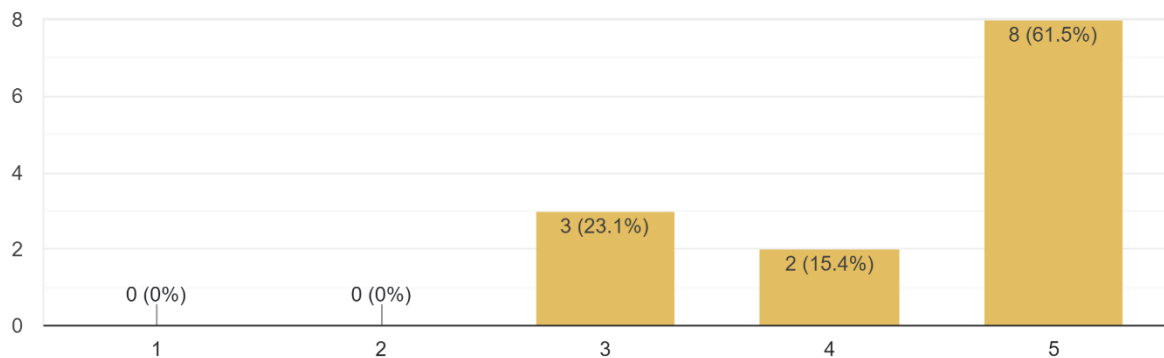


- Camper reported some of the counselors were mean. Yelled a lot and would buy snacks when the campers were not allowed to
- Counselors were great. Would love to see possibility of having counselors meet swim coaches to pickup/drop off swim team members as there were a number of them
- Think counselors need to pay closer attention to kids in regards to bullying. Camp needs to have back up plans for bad weather on Fridays next year. year
- We love the camp and the counselors. They are what makes it for the kids.
- Best camp counselors were Casey Schaffer and Emily Richard!
- I'd love a lunch option so I don't have to pack lunch every day. A hot lunch was a huge advantage by Big Oak. Also I expect that if I sign up for camp that I won't ever be informed, especially the day before, that camp is cancelled. We both work full time. Not having a place for the kids on a day of planned camp is not acceptable.

Summer Staff Report

Please rate your over all experience working for Lower Makefield Township.

13 responses



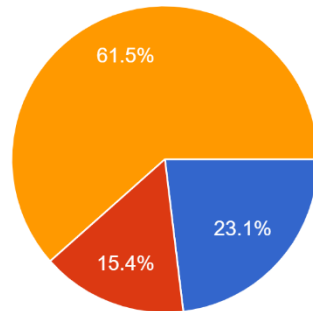


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Do you feel the trainings helped prepare you for this summer as a Camp LMT counselor?

13 responses



- I feel there should be more trainings to better prepare me for the job.
- The trainings were unnecessary.
- Yes, I learned a lot that helped prepare me to be the best counselor I could be.

What do you think could be implemented into the camp schedule to make it even more memorable for the campers? 12 responses

- Do some other different stuff each week
- Nap time
- Rose and thorn in groups every day. More designated areas/time for crafts/reading
- A more structured schedule
- More activities whether that be crafts, field trips/pool days or sports available to play.
- Play with foam, Slip and Slide, Blow-up slide (water play), Big blowup waterpark to replace sprinkler day?
- Have the career days again with the fire department and K9's
- Slip and slide instead of sprinkler days
- More Activities... Ex: foam party, goat yoga, career day, mini golf etc.
- More crafts for the kids to take home something for the people who don't like the chaotic sports
- a camper vs counselor activity
- Adding one or two fun activities at Edgewood. For example science experiments, goat yoga, or even a karaoke day.



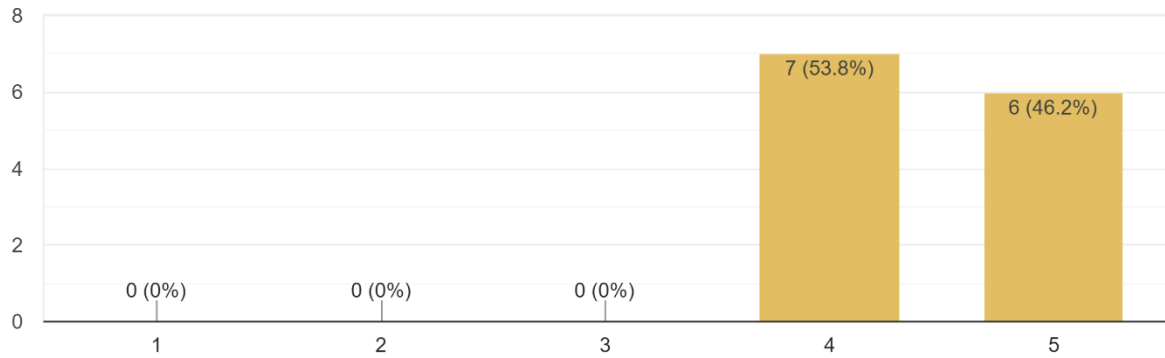


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Please rate your experience with your coworkers.

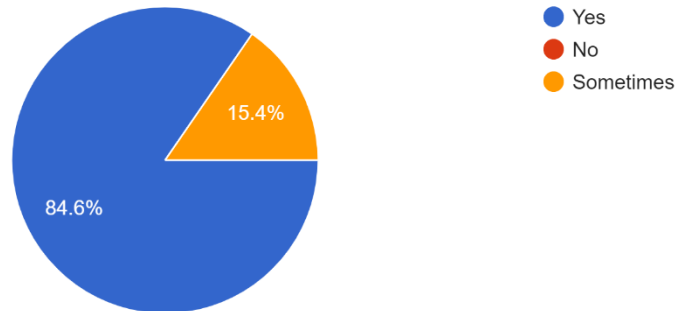
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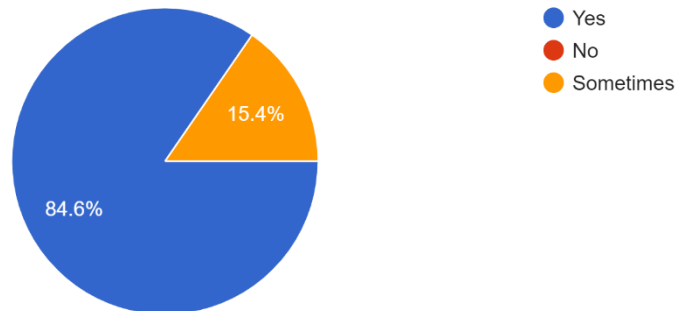
Do you feel comfortable coming to someone in higher management to discuss any concerns you may have?

13 responses



Do you feel there were accommodations made fairly for each worker?

13 responses



What is something you would like to done different next summer? 13 responses

- Bring some more stuff to do
- Be more stern with campers from the start
- Have more rotation between counselors
- Better break schedule (not from me but the counselors complained about not having a structured break) which i think is an easy fix
- More preplanning for each week
- More field trips/activities and smaller groups to personalize the campers experience.
- Maybe find a second day for pool day if possible since most kids want to swim earlier on in the week. Also find other activities/times to spend with the community center people since some kids feel restricted from friends and/or siblings.





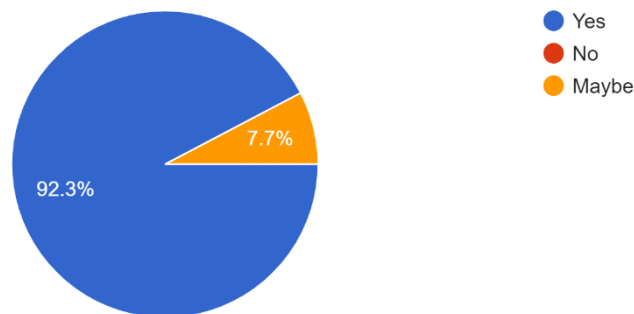
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- Bring back the slip and slide
- A replacement activity for the sprinkler days
- 30 minute lunch break for counselors 2) Each day planned with different activities 3) Pool two times a week 4) Limit the playground and fill with other activities
- I feel like everything couldn't have gone better it was very good this summer
- be able to go on the playground at the bottom of edgewood
- Have sub groups be incorporated more. Have group leaders help plan some stuff for the summer. Like helping make the groups.

Do you feel the Camp Manager executed her role properly, treated each worker fairly, and managed a successful camp?

13 responses



What can the Camp Manager or the Program Manager do to make your day better? 12 responses

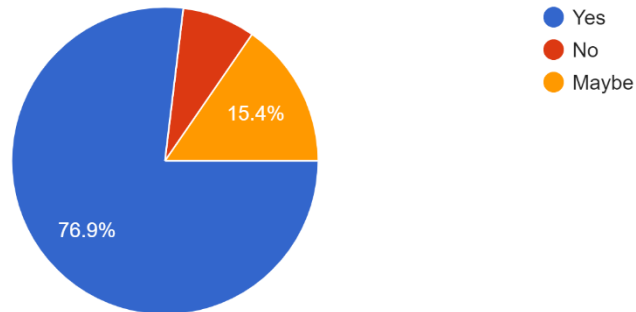
- None
- Nothing, she was great!
- More mental breaks
- Nothing shes amazing and the most capable person I've seen for the Edgewood site manager
- More checkups while we are outside
- Make and communicate a clear schedule for the day. Times and activities that can/should be done.
- Break if possible. 15-20 minutes to take a quick break before coming back to do the job
- Nothing
- Supply more first aid kits
- Nothing she has done everything great this summer.
- give the staff a couple minutes for a break
- Not much. Everyone has been very supportive and have helped me when ever I have needed it.





Do you hope to come next summer? (there is no right or wrong answer and this is not a formal commitment)

13 responses



If you are unsure, what is your reasoning? 7 responses

- I liked working here it's just sometimes the kids got on my nerves or they started hitting me
- It's mentally draining but can manage
- Internship conflicts (but if i have the opportunity to do part time or fewer weeks i will)
- /
- I want to come back! Hoping I can manage time and be able to attend more days!
- Camp 2022 was amazing filled with memories and activities but, I am a little disappointed with camp this summer.
- n/a

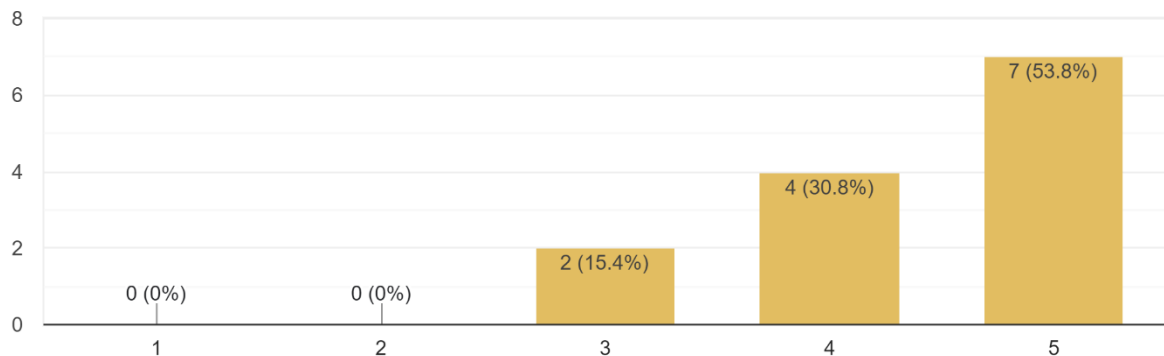


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Please rate the Camp LMT work environment

13 responses



How do you feel the work environment can be improved? 10 responses

- Have the kids bring less fidget toys
- More positivity from everyone
- My only suggestion is maybe one day before camp all counselors come to their site just to meet and get to know one another other than just at the trainings. And to also walk through a day of camp quickly to help the first day run smoother.
- Group debriefs: discuss the plan for the day or any concerns that need to be addressed/look out for.
- More communication with one another
- It's great
- More organized pick up times
- Have a counselor bonding trip or get together that is planned for all of us.
- fix the cracks in the black top at edgewood
- There should be some team bonding training before camp starts for everyone to get to know each other better.

What are some trips you would like to see on the calendar for next summer? 12 responses

- Six flags or the six flags water park
- sky zone, amusement park
- Hurricane Harbor, a beach trip, go karting, philadelphia zoo
- This years trips were great plus I think a trip to an amusement park would be fun.
- A farm
- Snipes Farm fruit picking





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- Whatever is fine with me, I have a farm that i can get back to you on that has slides, and so much more fun stuff that could be fun for the kids
- Eagles Stadium
- Water park trip
- Digger land (Even though it is a little far it's a great trip)
- lincoln financial field tour
- I am not sure.

What were some trips you would like to see on the calendar next summer?7 responses

- Already answered
- Six Flags for teens
- ^^^^^
- Funzilla, Sesame
- Trenton thunder game
- citizens bank park
- Funzila!

Any additional comments that you would like to go over?8 responses

- No
- Nah
- Need more first aid kits and ice packs to be available at all times.
- No, see you next summer!
- None
- no
- No tree trails again please. Also we should have a pizza and foam party at the last week of camp for a big ending.

