



## Frequently Asked TST Questions

**I am coming up to get my camper this Friday (or dropping them off on Sunday). Can I visit my other child who is there doing TST right now while I am on camp?**

YES! We're all about relationships and would love for you to visit your TSTer on site as you pick up or drop off other campers. To help us accommodate your visit, please notify TST leadership when you drop off your TST camper that you will be returning at the end of the week and would like to say hello to your camper. Please be aware that the TSTers may be working, and therefore may need to finish a specific job before spending time with you. During the week, we discourage family members from visiting their campers in order to eliminate any distractions. This is true for all campers. If a visit during the week is imperative, then we will make special arrangements to facilitate a meeting with your camper.

**I would like to register my child for a 2-week session of TST but he/she has a commitment they need to be home for during that time. Can he/she only do part of the session?**

While we understand there are occasionally schedule conflicts that are unavoidable, we strongly encourage campers to be here for the entire experience for several reasons. Relationships between campers and staff are the backbone of the TST experience. When a camper misses part of the experience, not only do they miss out, the entire team is also affected by a changing team dynamic. Another reason is that there are campers on waitlists for most TST sessions, who would be able to be here for the full time. The time that your child would not be here would be time that another child could be here. If there are unavoidable circumstances, and you still feel like it would be best to take your camper out of the session for any reason, please call the main office at 812-497-0008, to approve and make note of the conflicts.

It is not possible to register your child for only one week of a two week TST team.

**Will my teen receive community service hours for their work on TST this summer?**

Yes! In 2007 we reassessed the hours served on each team and came up with the following allotment:

1-Week Teams will receive 30 hours

2-Week Teams will receive 60 hours

Your teen will receive a letter at the closing ceremony on the last day of camp. Please keep these in a safe place for the future! If your school requires an evaluation form to be filled out in addition to a letter, this form must be submitted to the TST Area Director on the Opening Day of your teen's camp experience. These forms cannot be filled out after the session ends.

### **Is there a dress code on TST? If so, why?**

Yes. You may be required to wear closed-toe shoes and pants depending on your work assignment – so bring them (i.e. working in the kitchen or some landscaping assignments). Girls, please bring tank-tops with straps at least 2 fingers wide. Also, we ask that shorts be a modest length for girls, and a one-piece swimsuit is worn to water activities. If you come with a two-piece, you will be asked to wear a T-shirt or tank-top over your top. We have implemented this guideline because of how easy it is to lose a piece of swimwear while participating in our water activities.

### **I am coming to the TST program - can I drive myself to camp?**

Yes. You will be directed where to park your car while you are here and your keys will be collected by your Area Director and returned on the last day of camp.

### **Can I email my camper?**

Yes, and we encourage you to not only email, but write letters! We will have mail bins out on opening day and you can deposit mail in them for your camper for each day of the week if you would like to. Mail is gathered each day and dispersed to teams. While we do not read each email, we do scan for inappropriate language. Emails containing inappropriate language will not be delivered to campers. While this language may be part of a camper's life at home, our mission involves creating a community away from home and familiar things in which the camper can be challenged and accepted for who they are.

### **Can I send candy or snacks to my camper?**

Campers are not allowed to have food in the cabins. We provide 3 hearty meals every day as well as time at the Trading Post (camp store) when they can purchase snacks with their account money. If a camper receives food in a package, they will be encouraged to share it with the group and eat it right away, or turn the food in so that the camper can have it during time spent at the Trading Post.