



Chots' Shot

"Time flies when you're having fun." Camp sure has a way of proving this. It is hard to believe how much we fit into the camp day. From drop-off to pick-up we are in a constant state of motion. With so much happening, it is hard for the campers to process all they that have they have experienced in any given day or week and even harder to express this to others. As parents, we are eager to hear how their day was. We ask that big, open-ended question "How was your day?" We often get those annoying one-word answers, "fine," "good" or "fun." While we have learned to expect those answers, what we really want is the nitty gritty. Here are a few ways to ask more leading questions to get to the details we crave.

1. What made you smile today?
2. What was the funniest thing that happened this week?
3. What is a challenge your group is having?
4. What is one helpful thing you did today?
5. Who was helpful to you this week?
6. What made you proud?
7. Who is someone in your group you'd like to be better friends with?
8. If you could be counselor for the day, what would you do with your group?

Many times, the answers we are seeking won't come at the end of the camp day; they will come at the end of the camp season. It takes campers a while to fully process what they have learned and experienced at J Day Camps. As they change gears and move back to the school setting, they are ready to share.

Have a great & restful weekend and I'll see you in the carpool line.

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Introducing Bailey, SFC Specialist

Hello, my name is Bailey Carnes. I am a 3rd grade teacher and this is my first summer working at The J. I absolutely love working at The J. Whether I'm standing on my head, creating a STEM activity, or wearing an inflatable hippo costume, I always make sure to have fun with the kids. I am working with 3rd grade B and the Gymnastics Focus and I couldn't be more excited! Thanks for sending your kids to J Day Camps!



Introducing Jake, SFC Counselor

My name is Jake and this is my third year as a counselor at the J. I love working with campers and seeing them grow and come back the following year. Seeing them having fun and playing is one of the best parts of being a camp counselor. I couldn't think of a better way to spend my summer.



Report from Chesterfield: Can't Stop, Won't Stop

We had an exciting fifth week at the Fox building! This week for Wacky Wednesday, we had pajama day and even got to finish our day with a movie. Our art projects included creating sculptures using model magic, making friendship bracelets and splatter painting! In teambuilding, we did some get-to-know-you games and made cards for the maintenance staff. In sports, we played mat ball and played different versions of tag and hockey! In cooking, we made cinnamon rolls and enjoyed eating them at the end. Thanks for a great week!



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