

How to Have a Parent Meeting

To get students to *want* to go to camp is relatively easy. But, actually *getting* them to camp? That's a little harder. For some parents, letting their children go to camp brings anxious thoughts and questions. You can help ease those by planning and executing a parent meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents on the details of camp and to reassure them that their child is in the best of hands. Check out these tips on How to Have a Parent Meeting!

1. Schedule Meeting

Schedule the meeting and inform parents ahead of time. If you have a gmail account, you could create an event on the calendar and send invites to all parents. You could also just send out an email or text. The key is you need to do this at least 2-4 weeks prior to the meeting. People's schedules fill up FAST! Don't forget to include the date, time, place, and brief agenda. If parents are unable to attend, then offer to meet with them individually at another time.

2. Be prepared and organized

If you do the prior step, then you will already look prepared and organized. Parents want to see that you know what's going on and have a plan. Prior to the meeting, you should study up on all things camp and prepare an agenda. Do your homework so that you are prepared when parents ask questions. Group Leader Prep Center, FAQs and your specific location Camp Details page at fugecamps.com will provide all the information you need to know.

3. Inform parents on all things camp

This is where doing your due diligence beforehand pays off. Treat this meeting like no one has seen camp before. Go over the schedule, what to expect, financial info, packing list, dress code, camp rules, location specifics, transportation, housing, etc. Refer parents to the Parents page at fugecamps.com. They will find a Parent Pack there that can be downloaded and printed with information such as a schedule, what to pack, etc.

4. Allow time for questions

Allow time for parents to ask questions. This will help ease any anxious thoughts that come with overnight trips. You may not know the answers to EVERY question, and that is okay. You can always find the answer and follow up.

5. Make it exciting and fun!

Try and give parents a little taste of what FUGE Camp will be like. Utilize the promo videos and graphics found on the Group Leader Prep Center Promotions tab at fugecamps.com. You want to make them wish that THEY were the ones going to camp. You might even recruit alternate adult sponsors in the process.