

How to Have a Parent Meeting

Parent meetings for camp can take two forms – one to promote camp and get parents on board with their child going to camp and one 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 planning these parent meetings!

1. Schedule Meeting

Schedule a parent promotion meeting and a parent camp details meeting and inform parents ahead of time. Create events 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 meetings. 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.

Schedule the promotion meeting sometime before you register for camp or before you finalize your registration numbers. The camp details meeting should be scheduled later in the spring.

2. Be 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 Information and your specific location page at www.fugecamps.com will provide all the information you need to know. On the landing page of the website, click on Group Leaders in the top bar. You will find a six-step planning tool.

3. Share Information

This is where doing your due diligence beforehand pays off. Treat these meetings like no one has seen camp before. Make it fun and give parents a little taste of what FUGE Camps will be like.

For your promotion meeting, use resources in Step 1 - Promote Camp of the Group Leader Information. Play one of the promotion videos and the theme video. Share information such as location, dates of camp, costs, dates when deposits and balance are due, transportation, etc. Pass out a copy of the Theme/Bible Study Overview. Make the Sign Up Roster available for parents to sign up their child.

If your group will need to do fundraising, pass out copies of the Fundraising Ideas document. Begin discussing which of these ideas you may want to undertake.

For your camp details meeting, print out and distribute the Parent Pack found in Step 4 of the Group Leader Information. Walk through this information. You will also want to read the information in Steps 3-6 for details to share such as camp schedule, packing list, location specifics, housing, etc. Forms that parents will need to complete are found at Step 3.

Make copies and hand out Parent Devotions found in Step 4 of Group Leader Information. Explain that parents can use these each day of camp to get an idea of what their child is studying.

4. Allow Time for Questions

As you go from topic to topic, 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.