

Dear Parent,



Last Monday we sent out our yearly "Spring Checklist" email, which was meant to walk you through the process of filling out forms and preparing for camp. I know that many of you were on spring break and may still be catching up. As always, a copy of that email lives at the bottom of the ["Preparing for Camp"](#) page on the NSC website with all other mass emails that we've sent out.

I want to highlight some important changes in the forms and preparing for camp process for 2018. We encourage each of you to read the Checklist and "Preparing for Camp Document", even if you're a seasoned veteran, but I want to make sure that you're aware of some of the changes from previous years.

- **Our Forms Deadline is now May 1st.** We have asked for the extra few weeks so that we are able to thoroughly review our camper's documents and prepare to give each of them the best summer possible. If your son has a doctor's visit set up between May 1st and the start of camp, we understand that the optional "Medical Recommendations" form as well as immunization information may arrive after May 1st.

- **We've added a new form for 2018, the Camper Questionnaire.** This is for our campers to fill out so we can learn a bit more about their goals for the summer. In working towards our goals of personal growth for each camper we believe in goal setting and reflection. We want the campers to be actively aware of the social and emotional learning taking place at camp.

- **We have a new equipment list.** For 2018 we are making some changes to the specific camping trips that certain age groups take. This will have an impact on the gear that certain campers will need to bring. Please review the equipment list for some new required items as well as our request to not send egg crate mattress toppers.

- **For 2018, we are changing our laundry process,** which will include that each camper have two North Star Laundry Bags. Laundry day at camp can be a cumbersome process and we believe that having uniform North Star laundry bags will make things easier and more efficient for our campers. You will not need to send your son with laundry bags. Laundry bags will be at camp, ready for your son's arrival, labeled with his name. The bags will be high quality bags that should last several years. There will be a \$10 charge per bag.

Dan, Robyn and I are here to help as we get closer to the summer. Please reach out to any of us at any time.