

## CABINMATE REQUESTS

Our Summer Camp Administration forms the cabin groups about two days before check-in. Because of late drop-outs and late registrations, the roster of campers is a constantly changing document. We wait until the final days to make cabin assignments so that changes will not be necessary. Therefore, every camper's status in our online system will remain "PENDING". Please ignore this.

Cabin assignments cannot be guaranteed. Campers are allowed to request up to two cabin mates. We do our best to get each camper into a cabin with at least one of these friends. Campers spend a significant amount of time playing outside of their cabin groups, so there is adequate time for them to play with other campers who are not in their cabin.

Multiple factors are taken into consideration when we create the cabin groups. Hours are spent on this process. Factors include:

- Grade level and age of campers- We strive to have cabins where campers will be with others of the same social/developmental level.
- Camper requests for a friend- For campers who are likely to be very homesick or for whom this is their first experience of summer camp, having a friend in the cabin can be a comfort on the first day, before they make other friends.
- Cabin dynamics- Too many campers who are already friends or who are from the same parish/school can harm the dynamic in the cabin. Cliques form more easily and campers who did not come with a group feel isolated. We try to avoid four or more campers from the same "group".
- Unique circumstances- Although rare, campers sometimes come to camp with a past difficulty with other individuals. Accommodations are considered on a case by case basis.
- Cabin size- Cabins compete against their neighbor cabin in Field Olympics, Swim Meet and several other events during the week. We try to keep all cabins around the same size. It is also unfair to our staff to create a very large cabin while their co-workers are managing smaller groups.

We give a great deal of thought to how campers are placed into cabins in the days before check-in. Because of this, making cabin changes during the "check in" process is not as simple as it might sound. One change can undo our work on several other fronts. Questions during check-in are directed towards the Camp Director or Assistant Director. Other staff members have no involvement with these decisions.