

Camp Otter Goals and Outcomes

1. To maintain a safe and healthy summer program for campers and staff.
 - a. Each staff member must check their cabin or program area for safety hazards daily, reporting any damages to the office.
 - b. Each camper and staff must provide camp with a health history form to ensure they are in good health.
 - c. All staff will be trained in first aid and CPR/AED.
 - d. Campers and staff are informed of all camp rules and are required to follow them to ensure the safety of all.
2. To provide children with good role models.
 - a. Staff must always use appropriate language and behavior in front of the campers.
 - b. Staff must always be well groomed and dressed appropriately.
 - c. Staff must always follow procedures when dealing with problems in a cabin or activity area.
3. To help each camper develop self-confidence, a feeling of self worth through all aspects of the camp program.
 - a. Staff will encourage campers to help each other whenever possible.
 - b. Staff will use positive reinforcement through personal praise, special awards, and recognition.
 - c. Campers will be taught that it is okay to have different wants and desires than others through cabin time and camp activities.
4. To help campers develop a sense of community and a sense of responsibility through making new friends and interacting with staff and peers in a caring environment.
 - a. Campers and staff will take pride in their cabin and Camp Otter by participating in cabin clean up and all camp activities.
 - b. Campers will recognize the needs of other campers over their own needs by allowing others to go first, sharing, helping others, etc.
 - c. Campers and staff will have an active part in developing camp rules and activities through the use of surveys and questionnaires.
5. To help all children reach their potential while having learning and strengthening their skills such as creative expression, physical endurance, hand eye coordination, leadership, and swimming through a variety of activities
 - a. The camp program will provide a balance of land and water sports, creative arts opportunities, and active and passive experiences.
 - b. Staff will organize activities so that they offer challenge for beginners and advanced participants, as well as for younger and older campers.
 - c. Campers are encouraged to find and reach their personal limits.
6. To provide each camper with opportunities to learn and practice good personal hygiene, to be physically active, and to share in the maintaining of good safety standards for the welfare of all.
 - a. Staff will monitor the personal hygiene of their cabin and have discussion with the cabin about personal hygiene when it is deemed necessary.
 - b. Campers are to try every activity.
 - c. Campers must follow all safety rules at camp or they will not be able to participate.
7. To foster in each camper an awareness of fair play and sportsmanship through games that promote participation and teamwork.
 - a. Campers will participate in a variety of team activities including sports and special activities.
 - b. Campers will be taught the importance of sportsmanship and how it related to life.
 - c. Staff will encourage all campers to try every activity before they decide whether or not they like the activity.
8. To foster in each camper an appreciation for nature and the role that each person plays in promoting a healthy earth environment for today and future generations.
 - a. Campers will participate in nature activities.
 - b. Campers will learn the importance of recycling.
 - c. Campers will learn about ways to help improved the environment outside of camp.