



Camp Ruggles



Positive Acknowledgment System

The Camp Ruggles positive acknowledgment system is based on the idea of acknowledging children proactively when they exhibit expected behaviors throughout camp. We encourage our staff to specifically define, model, teach and acknowledge appropriate behavior at a ratio of 8 positives to every 1 redirection.

Whole Group Acknowledgment System: Students may receive tickets for following the 3 Expectations at the camp.

1. Respectful

2. Responsible

3. Ready To Have Fun!

- Counselor/Staff members can positively acknowledge a single camper, small group of campers, or the whole group for successfully modeling the 3 expectations. Staff members give the group 1 ticket and state what they were doing correctly.
- All tickets go into the group bucket. The group is acknowledged when they reach 50 tickets.
- Examples of Acknowledgments: Free choice time with friends; free time with counselors; certificates; surprise box; lunch and a movie; extra swim; fishing in boats; additional snacks; pizza for lunch; ice-pops...
- Tickets are counted at the end of each day and reported to the Office for posting on the Acknowledgment board!

Camp-Wide Acknowledgment System: The running total of tickets earned (Acknowledgments given) is posted on the Acknowledgment board each day. When the whole camp reaches a goal of 500 tickets, **Camp-Wide Acknowledgments** will be given.

- Examples: Del's Lemonade; Trip to the movies; ice cream sundaes; Special Activities; special programs...