

CABIN REQUEST POLICY

Our Philosophy

Camp has always been a place where campers forge some of their closest, lifelong friendships. One of the great benefits of overnight camp is making new friends from different places and backgrounds. Peconic Dunes 4-H Camp encourages campers to attend without being concerned whether they will know their cabin-mates since there will be many opportunities to meet and make friends.

We attempt to provide as diverse a cabin group experience as possible by limiting the number of campers in each cabin from any known social circle or specific town.

Our goal is to create cabin groups that offer campers the opportunity to meet as many new people as possible from a variety of backgrounds, interests, and life experiences.

Concerns

We want to avoid cliques that can form when too many campers from the same school or hometown are in the same cabin. These cliques can make camp life difficult for campers who don't belong and for counselors who are trying to foster bunk unity and comradery.

While we understand the excitement that goes along with the possibility of bunking with a good friend, we want to make sure campers do not end up feeling "tethered" to one individual, counting on them for consistent companionship and support while they are at camp. This can create an uncomfortable dynamic for the rest of the cabin group.

There are also times when friends come to camp as bunk mates but have a minor (or even major) falling out, creating unnecessary drama and discomfort for other campers and staff.

Policy

With these goals in mind, we will do our best to accommodate (but can't guarantee) **one and only one** cabin mate request from each overnight or day camper.

Cabin mate requests must be mutual; that is, the other camper must submit a request for your camper. Campers making requests to bunk with each other **must be the same age by August 31, 2024.** **Requests for more than one cabin mate will not be honored.**

While cabin mate requests are not guaranteed, your camper will have multiple opportunities throughout the day to do activities with their friends from home. The schedule at Peconic Dunes Camp consists of Choices, Challenges, and Cabin Activities. Cabin Activities are set in the schedule and done with their cabinmates but, campers who have not been placed in the same cabin may sign up for the same Choice and Challenge activities. Evening programs, such as the Thursday night dance, provide even more opportunities for campers to interact with friends outside of their bunk. **Cabin requests or changes to existing requests will not be accepted after May 15th.**