



## Important Reminders for JC Parents

CCSC is extremely proud of its reputation as a leader in camping for teens. By continuing to adapt to the changing times and interests of young people, we strive to maintain an environment rich in real opportunities for fun, achievement and growth.

We are, of course, always mindful of the tremendous trust you have placed in us for the care and nurturing of your child. Our pledge to you is that we will make every effort to be certain that your son or daughter enjoys what our founder, Robert J. Delahanty, referred to more than 95 years ago as a “unique educational experience.”

Here are some important reminders for the parents of our junior and assistant counselors:

- The JC Program is filled with age-appropriate challenges and opportunities for learning and achievement, and we are confident that your child will find it to be a worthwhile and rewarding summer.
- Program requirements fall into two categories: major requirements (reflecting activity areas in which the junior counselor wishes to become highly proficient) and year requirements (including activity areas in which the junior counselor wishes to become familiar, counseling assignments and service initiatives).
- No less important are the attitude and behavior with which the junior counselor approaches his/her responsibilities and leadership role at camp. In short, effort, achievement, attitude and behavior will dictate your child’s success in the JC Corps.
- Each week or so, the junior counselors will meet with a staff “coordinator” to review their progress and discuss any concerns or questions they may have. While we will notify you of serious or on-going problems, **we rely on the junior counselors to communicate their progress to their families**, as appropriate.
- You may expect a **mid-season report** from your son or daughter’s counselor in late July and a **final status report** after camp has closed.
- We recognize the interest of some parents in being apprised of problems (requirement-based or disciplinary) as soon as they arise, but **it is our general practice to first attempt problem-solving within the camp community**, notifying parents only when those problems persist or when they are egregious enough to warrant immediate contact. This approach is consistent with our goal of giving junior counselors the time and independence to seek help and self-correction on their own.

- Given the nature of our requirement and reporting system, **it is difficult to project a junior counselor's final certificate status until late in the camp season.** Having said that, we welcome your calls and questions at any time during the summer.
- We consider major violations of the **JC Code of Conduct** behaviors related to alcohol or other drugs; sexual behavior or sexual harassment; bullying; violence; and boundary/curfew violations. **These may result in immediate probation, suspension or dismissal.**
- JCs and ACs may bring cell phones for use as allowed by the directors only. While ACs may keep their cell phones with their possessions for use during free time and trips, off campus only, other JC cell phones will be logged in and stored in a secure place for distribution for some off-campus trips. This privilege is primarily for safety reasons. **THERE WILL NOT BE ACCESS TO PHONES AT OTHER TIMES, INCLUDING PERSONAL TRIPS OFF CAMPUS.**
- Any violation of our cell phone policies will result in a loss of this privilege. CCSC will not be responsible for loss or damage of phones while at camp.
- Stephen Wallace ("Wally"), director of the Counselor Training Program is available to you throughout the summer to answer questions and/or to discuss any concerns you may have. He can be reached at (508) 896-3451 x 242 or at [Wally@CapeCodSeaCamps.com](mailto:Wally@CapeCodSeaCamps.com). Wally also sends weekly JC Parent updates via email.
- **Thank you** for the opportunity to work with your teen this summer!
- We hope you enjoy YOUR "Best Summer Ever!"