

Hi Dan,

Sorry I didn't get this to you sooner, I'm watching Meatballs (a movie about summer camp) and was all, omg I almost forgot! I'm sending this from my phone so apologies for not sending it as an attachment. I hope everything goes well this weekend! Thanks again for reaching out, this is a really cool idea and I felt so honored to write one! Though I will say I got a little emotional writing it thinking of all the good times. Alas, here it is.

MeAgan

PS I hope they don't think I capitalized the A on accident in my letter lolol

Hey hey hey!

My name is Meagan and I worked at the TTCC for at least 8 years, maybe 9. I know we don't know each other, but my friend get ready for the ride of your life!

My first job ever was at the TTCC. I went to school out of the area so I didn't know many people and I was really nervous I wouldn't fit in and make friends with the other counselors. At the orientation I immediately found out I was wrong. I found a second family in the staff at the TTCC.

On top of that I was worried to work with kids, I was working in K.N.O.T.S. and I wasn't much older than the campers. I learned a lot about myself in my time with K.N.O.T.S. chief among them that I could assert myself as a young adult in my new leadership role and that when I try to get everyone's attention or make an announcement my voice got annoying high! (I'm a high school health teacher now and I've fiiinally gotten past it lol.)

I ended up finding my home in P.L.A.Y. and loving every minute of it. I got to circulate through the different roles and learn how to step up when I needed to and step back when I needed to. I have so many fun memories of bus 707 and slim baker lodge, but sleepovers were by far my FAVORITE. Don't get me wrong I could play flashlight tag in the gym all night long, but hanging out on the front porch with my coworkers are some of my favorite memories from my time at TTCC. And the staff retreats, oh the staff retreats. We took a few white water rafting trips and it was INCREDIBLE.

All in all my words of wisdom are no matter how corny and cheesy you might feel doing something to make a camper smile don't hold back on your expression because you are showing your campers how to be young adults. If you're not into it they're not gonna be into it so leave your baggage at the door and let loose you corn ball! Take advantage of opportunities to lead activities and develop your skills, no matter how good you think you are, there is always room for improvement. Most importantly have fun, there is nothing like a summer at the TTCC you'll make lifelong friends and make lifelong impressions.

Wishing you luck and sending you love,
MeAgan