

Dear new TTCC summer staff,

Welcome to the best summer of your life! Congratulations, you are now officially part of the TTCC summer camp family. Do not take this family for granted, they will be there with you to guide you through some of your best and worst days this summer and that is okay (that is what families do). Now, there is a lot of advice that I could give to you to help prepare you for this summer, such as watch out for inclement weather, drink lots of water, evacuate the summit (including backpacks from Cannon Mountain), get plenty of sleep, push yourself out of your comfort zone, and be flexible. There are also some very important things that you should always remember, like that Dunkins is a form of currency around here, to never be afraid to seek advice from Dan and Les, that if you make the kids eat raw onions they will vomit, to always bring a bathing suit and towel, wear bug spray, always listen to Linda, that Cian will cheat in order to win the camp Olympics <3, and to never take a moment for granted. However, the biggest piece of advice that I can give you is to always put the kids first. Dan and Les are not joking when they say that these kids are the most prize possessions to their parents: take care of them. It is true that you are paid to have fun, but also make sure that whenever you are making a decision that it is one that is best for the kids, not you. Do not get me wrong these decisions might not even always make the kids happy. But remember that the kids do not always have to like you (just ask the Downes twins how they felt about me while they were in camp), but as long as they are safe that is all that matters. To some of these kids you are their super hero, role model, leader, and sibling that they have never had. Make sure you uphold those standards and roles that they see you as (both in and out of camp). So please get to know each kid, love them, care for them, and have a great summer. I know you all will make me proud and take care of my kids; I would not trust anyone else with them.

Love,

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