



Hockey Opportunity Camp Group Registration Group Member Philosophy and Expectations

Group registration is a great way to take advantage of discounted rates as well as offer your camper an opportunity to share in the camp experience with friends/teammates. Having said that, we would like to ensure that families who enroll understand the philosophy and parameters around the group registration system in order to ensure a positive camp experience for all.

HOC's Group Philosophy

Camp is a wonderful experience that your camper may be excited to share with friends/teammates or may be more comfortable being away from home if they know they can enjoy camp with other familiar faces. It is for those reasons that we designed our group registration system.

Equally as important is the understanding by parents and campers that camp is also a wonderful place to meet new friends and be open to new experiences outside of the group dynamics. This understanding also ensures that any camper who does not enroll within the group system (but as an individual) also feels just as secure and comfortable attending camp.

The following are expectations that all parents need to understand and communicate with their camper in order to set their camper up for a positive experience.

Realistic Expectations

- Your camper will be bunked with other members of your group (in groupings of 4) based on cabin assignments outlined by the Group Coordinator. Cabin assignments are based on gender/age, campers should be the same grade/birth (we can sometimes accommodate within one grade/birth year apart from one another.)
- Your group will be bunked with other groups and/or other single campers of the same gender and similar age.
- Your camper will have fun at camp with their group of friends as well as with new friends they meet.
- Your camper will have an opportunity to try new things independently from their group, based on their own interests.

Unrealistic FALSE Expectations

- **It is FALSE to assume that:** all members of the group (regardless of group size) will be bunked in the same cabin.
 - Our cabins aren't always big enough and there are many other factors that we consider in order to ensure that we equally accommodate all 250 campers. Groups larger than 4 campers will be split into two or more cabins depending on other groups and camper cabin requests.
- **It is FALSE to assume that:** members of the group will be placed in the same camp activities.
 - Group assignments are not considered/cross-referenced when campers are assigned to a specific activity time block/class. Activity time blocks/classes are populated based on the activity choices chosen at the time of registration and based on a first-register, first-served basis. Other considerations include the program campers have registered for (hockey, ultimate, waterski).

Group Enrollment Follow-Up Steps

- 1) Bunking Requests: Your Group Coordinator will be responsible for submitting cabin requests on behalf of the entire group. If you have specific cabin assignment requests, please ensure these requests are communicated to the Group Coordinator (not HOC administration).
- 2) Group Rate Discount Code: Group Coordinators must be aware of and approve all campers assigned to the group, therefore, please do not share the Group's Approval/Discount Code unless you have authorization from the Group Coordinator to add a camper to the group.
- 3) Review and submit all necessary camp forms for your camper, including the review of the Camper Handbook.