

Camp TV and Video Director

Overview

Tamakwa Camp TV and Video is a relatively new program at Tamakwa. It is a unique activity in that there are some components of your job that include campers, as well as some that are just for you. In general, your job is to help capture summer at Tamakwa on film. This job takes a lot of creativity and patience and involves filming, editing, production and preproduction. You will be in charge of filming important camp events such as: special programming, trip departures and arrivals, etc. As well as making videos with campers during activity periods.

Daily Tasks

It is your job to have the supplies needed and ready for your planned program for that day.

- If you plan on making a music video and need costumes, make sure you talk to the Drama Director.
- If you need props, be sure to talk to the Arts & Crafts Director.
- If you want to film on/ in the water, make sure you have the proper staff/ talk to the AL of the area you want to use

The possibilities of what you can do with your videos are endless, just be sure to talk to people ahead of time if you need to use their space or equipment.

Filming takes place in Individual choice periods (per 1 -3) Editing is mostly done during the Activity Leader's free time so it doesn't take up the time that campers are at video, but some kids are keen to learn to edit and can help you outside of regular activity times.

Programming

The usual ages of the campers that will come to video are 7-12. Planning activities that will interest them is very important. At the beginning of the summer during the first few block days, is a great opportunity to find out from the kids some ideas of things they are interested in doing (i.e. songs they would be interested in making videos to, YouTube videos they may want to re-create, people they would like to interview, etc.).

At your activity you have a lot of room for creativity. Your most basic guidelines to follow would be to make a program that involves skill-based lessons (i.e filming, acting, and editing), and that the campers are as involved as possible in all aspects of video making. Let them try to film and direct their friends and be as involved in the planning stages as possible. Like all activities, Camp TV is a place for kids to learn, so

be sure to teach them the skills they will need to be a successful videographer. Along with learning about directing, it is also important for kids to learn how to take directions from their peers. For more tips on this, talk to your Program Director.

There are endless possibilities of what kind of videos you can make at camp. We encourage you to try different techniques and styles with the campers like short films, commercials, music videos, interviews... if you think it, try it!

At the end of the summer you will be responsible for showing a compilation of the summers best videos and sharing them with the entire camp.

The Videos

Camp videos are an amazing way to remember a summer. You have the amazing job of creating memories that will be a part of Tamakwa history forever!!! We have a few videos that we create every year in addition to the ones that you will create with the campers. To get you started, here is a list:

- Pre camp training
- Arrival day July
- Teaser day (one day intro session)
- End of July wrap up
- Arrival day August
- Mini weekend session
- End of summer wrap up

Plus camper videos, plus a few other promo videos to be discussed at camp this summer.

Safety

While we always encourage campers and staff to have fun at everything they do, safety is paramount. Make sure the campers are always wearing the appropriate footwear if they are going to be filming in different terrain and that if you are going to be out in the sun for an extended period of time that campers have sunscreen and hats and water.

Along with camper safety, the safety of the equipment is very important. Not only are the cameras and computers, expensive, they are hard to replace midsummer. Please make sure every time a camper uses any of the equipment, they understand how to use it properly.

Awards

More information will be given about this at camp

Staff

Usually none, but if ever there are additional staffs or CITs at your activity, be sure that you delegate to them how they can be helpful.

Tips from Previous Instructors

- Kids LOVE making music videos

Summary

We know this is a lot of information. We do not expect you to memorize all of it. We do expect you to read it, take notes, and ask questions! We hope you are as excited as we are to have you with us on South Tea!