

Dear Junior High Campers and Families,

My name is Morgan Riddle, and I will be the Dean for this year's Fall Junior High Camp! I've been involved with de Benneville Pines for 17 years. My first camp was when I was in 7th grade and I've been coming back - as a camper, counselor, program staff member, and now Dean - since then! Camp holds a very special place in my heart and I am thrilled to share the weekend with so many people who feel the same way.

The theme for our camp is **#LoveYourSelfie**. We will spend time examining what makes each of us special and how we can continue to build our communities, both at camp and down the mountain. Campers will engage in self-reflection activities, collaborative discussions and projects with peers.

Campers will also have plenty of time to hang out with their fellow campers and participate in some usual camp activities. There will be several workshop opportunities where campers can enjoy arts & crafts, archery, capture the flag, and silent football, among other things. Friday night will be Game Night in the Lodge, where campers can play a variety of board and card games, as well as some fun "Minute to Win It" games. Saturday night will have two activities: Night Crossing and Talent Show. Don't forget to pack some dark clothing for Night Crossing and any instruments or props you want for the Talent Show!

Check in will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, November 17th, 2017. Please be sure to bring all completed forms with you at that time. Our first meal together is at 7 PM Friday night so please try to come early enough to get settled in your cabin prior to dinner.

Mid-November in the mountains could mean several things in terms of weather – please pack clothes for all weather! Temperatures will be cooler, especially in the evening, so remember to pack jackets and/or sweatshirts. Items that can be layered are always a good idea! All campers are required to wear closed toed shoes. A packing list, which contains specific items to bring, is included with this letter.

While the theme of camp is **#LoveYourSelfie**, I am encouraging campers to leave their cell phones at home. We will have other means of taking selfies, including a makeshift photo booth in the lodge. If your camper has a camera they would like to bring, they are welcome to do so. Any hats, wigs, or other props to be used in the photo booth are welcome as well!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions prior to our arrival at camp!

Regards,

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