



Communication with Families

We believe strong communication is essential to a successful camp experience. Families are our partners and we are committed to keeping you informed, connected, and supported before and during your camper's time with us.

We are committed to maintaining open, ongoing communication with families throughout the camp experience. Our team will proactively share updates, celebrate moments of growth, and reach out if questions or concerns arise. Families are encouraged to connect with us at any time, and we value collaboration as we work together to support each camper's well-being, success, and sense of belonging at camp.

Before Camp: Building Partnership and Readiness

Leading up to the start of camp, our team prioritizes proactive communication with families as we prepare to support campers. We encourage families to reach out with questions, updates, or information that will help us best care for your child.

Families may contact our team at any time via email at summer@missporters.org.

Camp Newsletter

Our newsletter, The Garden Gazette, is sent monthly leading up to camp and includes important announcements, reminders, and excitement for the summer ahead. As camp approaches and throughout the camp season the frequency of the newsletter increases.

We encourage families to share The Garden Gazette with their campers as a way to build camp readiness and excitement for the summer experience!

During Camp: Staying Present and Connected

Personal Electronic Device Policy

Campers are not permitted to bring cell phones, smart watches, laptops, or other personal electronic devices to camp. This policy is important for establishing our camp culture and community; we wish for campers to remain present and in the moment throughout their time in Farmington.

We encourage our families to send their campers to camp without these devices. Campers who do bring personal electronic devices will be asked to turn them in during registration or upon arrival: items will be safely stored until the end of camp.

Technology Time on Weekends

Campers participating in both sessions of Camp Ivy (all four weeks) and who are residing on campus through the weekend will have designated time on Sunday, July 11th to use their personal devices. Should your camper like to call home on this day, we ask families to send their camper with a cell phone and turn it in at registration. We will store the phone until July 11th, return it during the designated time, and collect it afterwards.





Staying Connected While Camp Is in Session

Even in a tech-free environment, there are many ways for families to stay connected and informed throughout the camp session.

Camp Newsletter

During camp, Camp Connections is sent every few days and includes photos, program highlights, interviews, and updates from campus.

Virtual Photo Album

Families will have access to a virtual photo album that is updated regularly to showcase daily life and special moments at camp.

Postcards and Mail

For campers residing on campus, we encourage families to stay in touch through letters and postcards. Postcards are provided to families at drop-off, and additional postcards are available for families to take home and send to campers.

Staff Phone Access

A dedicated staff phone is held by an administrator at all times. Families may use this number if they need to get in touch with their camper or a member of our team during camp. This phone number will be shared with camp families in advance of the program start.

Camper Phone Calls

In some situations, if a camper is experiencing difficulty adjusting and our team believes that a brief phone call with a parent or caregiver would be supportive, camp leadership may reach out to families to discuss this option. When appropriate, the camper may be permitted to make a short call using a staff phone as part of our effort to help them reset and re-engage with the camp experience.

