



Fort/Shelter Building Program

Camp Counsellor Instructions

Camper Instructions:

1. Gather campers in a semi circle
2. Explain all the safety aspects of the activity in a clear manner (Below)
3. Give campers examples of what NOT to pick up as they build their forts
4. Tell everyone to have fun, and allow them to be creative 😊
5. Send campers on their way, but always have counselors roaming to ensure safety of all

Keeping our lil' Engineers Safe:

For the Shelters:

1. If a shelter ever looks unstable, get out of it and go get a counselor
2. Only build/destroy your own teams fort.
3. Build forts in designated areas

For Materials:

1. Only use deadfall for materials. **NO** living materials
2. Don't strip bark/twigs off trees – They have feelings too.

ALWAYS come to counselor if you ever have a problem or you think someone is being unsafe

Be Safe, Have Fun!

Note for Facilitator:

This activity is not designed to be structured by any means, but give campers an opportunity to express creativity through building. We are aiming to develop teams that are all working towards one common goal – building the best fort they possibly can!

Summary:

The Program: Shelter/Fort Building
Section Specific?: N/A (All Section Activity)
Program Time: N/A
Location: Anywhere
Equipment: None

Set Up Instructions:

1. Gather campers in a semi circle
2. Explain to campers the importance of being safe during this activity. We are giving them a freedom/creative opportunity - essential tell them not to abuse it.
3. Allow campers to split up into groups and begin building using materials throughout the forest

Note: Counsellors should constantly be vigilant of all youth, ensuring safety of all

Safety Notes:

- Make sure that participants are using all equipment properly to mitigate injury
- Ensure participants are clearly instructed on the proper behaviour expected (i.e No Using Sticks as Weapons)
- Ensure all participants are wearing proper footwear (Closed-Toe) to mitigate foot injuries
- If a structure seems unstable, **A COUNSELLOR** should take down the structure
- Always be vigilant of all participants – this activity does require them exploring into the woods.