

Building Rapport

The best thing that you can do for the kids (and yourself) at camp is to build a strong relationship right away. By building a relationship with the kids, you are allowing them to gain trust in you, seek you out as a preferred person, and include you in their best memories of camp. Below are some easy ways you can get a jump start on this.

- 1.** Learn all of the campers names as quickly as you can.
- 2.** Use appropriate touch (high-fives, fist bumps, etc).
- 3.** Make your voice and body open for communication.
- 4.** Get to know their interests, hobbies, likes, etc.
- 5.** Actively listen when the campers are talking to you.
- 6.** Respect them when they express themselves.
- 7.** Participate in every part of camp along side of them.
- 8.** Most importantly, be **YOURSELF!**