SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR THE GOLD RIBBON VISITORS

Ask campers and volunteer staff questions about what they like most about this week at Camp, as you know, it will tell you a lot about the organization of the Camp program.

The questions below are potential questions for peer and medical visitors to ask when viewing documents and/or visiting camps for Gold Ribbon Accreditation. Most of these questions will be answered from the documentation uploaded to the Portal and will not be necessary the day of the visit. Use these in case there are gaps in documentation submitted.

Program:

1. Is your Camp accredited by any organizations?
2. Do you own or rent your own facility?
3. Tell me about the structure of your Camp program- staff, board of directors
4. What steps does your Camp take to limit risk for the campers, volunteers, staff, BOD.
5. How do campers (patients & siblings) hear about your camp and register?
6. When your volunteers arrive for Camp, tell me about the schedule and what you and the volunteer staff do to get ready for the camper’s arrival.
7. What is your camper v. counselor ratio?
8. Tell us about what a typical day at Camp looks like- schedule and activities
9. At the end of Camp, how are campers dismissed? Bus, parent pick up?
10. How do you evaluate your programs?
11. Do you practice your emergency drills at each camp session? Ie- fire

Medical:

1. How does a camper (patient or sibling) receive medical approval to attend Camp?
2. Once approved, does a member of the medical team review camper medical form/medications list prior to arrival?
3. Because some medical staff and campers come from different treatment facilities, have your Camps’ guidelines and policies been written to take into account the camp environment?
4. Tell me about your Camp health care team. Are they staff from the patient’s treatment facility?
5. When camp starts, walk me through how your camp collects camper meds. and how you distribute them each day (meals, snacktime, bedtime).
6. Or another question you could ask…How does medical care translate at Camp v. how it is done at the treatment facility?
7. How do you document medicine distribution, illness, injury?
8. How do you keep up with all the medical supplies for Camp?
9. Are healthcare staff available at all times? Is a member of your medical team in your health shed/health hut/infirmary at all times? Or another way to possibly ask, besides caring for the health care needs of your campers and staff, does your medical team have other roles while attending camp? Ie- assisting or monitoring at higher risk activity areas- waterfront, archery, horseback riding, etc.
10. And are there any program areas that you require healthcare staff to attend?
11. How does the medical team store medicines?
12. If a camper or volunteer needs assistance of medical staff, how do they communicate with the health hut?
13. How do you handle medical emergencies at Camp-ie-trip to ER, accidental death of camper or volunteer?
14. Do you allow campers to attend your program if they have a DNR Policy?
15. At the end of camp, how do you release the medicines back to the patient/sibling?