



Overview

Each group in camp goes to Archery once or twice a week. The schedule will be available well ahead of the camping season. The archery specialist will know which groups come twice a week and plan accordingly. The archery specialist plans a series of eight or sixteen lessons for the eight week summer. Out of 450 campers, approximately 250 attend the full 8 weeks, approximately 200 attend the first four week session and a new group of 200 join the program for the second four weeks. The archery specialist must consider this when planning.

Class Management & Instruction

When a group comes to archery they will be accompanied by two to four group counselors. Counselors and campers should be directed to wait by tetherball (at the entrance to the archery range). The archery specialist will greet the group there. Groups must be divided into 3 mini groups (6 to 8 campers). Invite 1 group to the range at a time. The mini group should be brought to the range by one of the assistant counselors. The senior group counselor must remain with the majority of the group and should not go to the archery range.

There are different size bows and arrows depending on the age of the camper. 48 inch bows are used for the younger campers and 54 inch bows are used for the older campers. We have 24 inch, 26 inch and 28 inch arrows. Campers will be successful when correct equipment size is used.

Each camper will stand by a bow station. The archery instructor will teach campers the steps in shooting, emphasizing safety. When ready, place 3 or 4 arrows by each station and allow campers to shoot. Be certain that arrows are always pointing down range.

When all campers have shot all arrows and placed bows down, then lead them to retrieve arrows. Campers should not retrieve errant arrows. Only retrieve easily accessible arrows. Once this process is complete, the assistant counselors should walk the campers back to their group and gather the next mini group to come to the range and repeat the process. Each mini group is at the range for 10 to 15 minutes. Class periods are 45 minutes. This includes transfer time between periods. It is important that every camper must have the opportunity to shoot.

The archery counselor may reward campers with the archery stamp. Every camper should be stamped if they wish. Stamps may only be used on a child's arm or hand.

After the first 4 weeks, 5 to 8 new campers will be in a group. It makes sense for the new campers in a group to come down together initially at least, for easy instruction.

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Archery specialist must position himself at end of platform so he can see all campers in front of him. Archery assistant and group assistant may offer one-to-one guidance.

Daily Routine & Other Responsibilities

The specialist will arrive to camp no later than 9:10 a.m. From 9:15 -9:40 (as campers arrive), one archery specialist will monitor 4-square in play area 3. The other archery specialist will monitor the star climber in play area 3. Once the campers go to flag raising, the specialists will go to the archery range to prepare for the day's activities.

The specialist will assist in and participate in all aspects of camp life. You will be assigned a group with which to have lunch and snack with.

The archery specialist and assistant must maintain the table game & 4-square area. During the day be sure the table games and 4-square are tidy and organized. At the end of the day be sure to clean and close this area, too.

At 3:50 until 4:10 both archery specialists will go to the top of the Playland hill to assist with traffic control.

On rainy days, the archery specialists will be in charge of movies outside the basement. You will receive a schedule for rainy days.

Equipment/ Supplies

Order and maintain 8 bows for younger campers (3 to 6 years old) and 8 larger bows for older campers (7 to 11 years old). Order and maintain arrows too. **Bows and arrows must be locked when the specialist has removed himself from this area. At that time the range is closed.** Maintain targets - cover them for inclement weather. Number the bow stations and targets. Order replacement arrows and bowstrings as needed.

**All activities should be:
SAFE - FUN - INSTRUCTIONAL**