



FORTS

Forts are a fun part of camp. Please make sure you teach your campers to respect the Preserve. Remember – the forts that are most camouflaged are the one that look the most natural!

Why build forts?

1. Make it together – adds to group unity.
2. Location for group togetherness.
3. It's a secret.
4. Exploration and adventure.
5. It's ours!

What is a fort?

1. A place to be together.
2. A place to work.
3. A place to play.
4. A place to share and explore.
5. A place to eat lunch.
6. A place to build group unity.

What else is a fort?

1. A central gathering area ... shade, seats, secret codes, etc.
2. For judging – prizes and recognition.
3. Keep your fort really hidden (aka NATURAL) so that people when they walk by wouldn't even know it's there!

What about a FLAG?

1. Have the group make it together!
2. Hide it in your fort.
3. Find other flags ... get a watermelon. (Each group gets to find 1 flag)
4. Show it at Campfire ... and brag about it!

Challenges and Problems ...

1. Search & destroy techniques ruin other groups' forts ... Instead, try "Don't let them know we were here!"
2. Flag hidden too well ... or no flag at all. (Contact the SC to find the flag)
3. Not enough forts – share one!
4. Make sure your MWF and TTH campers ALL get to experience the forts!
5. Campers destroyed if their flag is found ... don't set them up! Tell them how proud you'd be see show off your flag at Campfire!
6. Make sure every group finds a flag during the summer (secret deals with other counselors).
7. Hide it early – by the end of the first week.