



We know that the hallmark of the Base Camp experience is building strong and meaningful connections with adults and peers outside of school and home. While at school socializing in class is discouraged, during camp it's the bedrock of what we do. We play. We spend hours in the summer sunshine splashing at the pool, chatting under a canopy, enjoying a picnic lunch in the grass.

What we also know is that these connections take time.

Building comfortable routines and traditions takes time.

Building competency in swimming or archery or rock climbing takes time.

Through 20 years of kids attending Summer Fenn, we've seen firsthand how the opening days of a child's experience typically unfold. There's an adjustment to new faces and new food and a new schedule and then... the magic happens. During the second week (and subsequent weeks) kids begin to feel more and more at the center of their community here- they know counselors names from other groups and request their trading cards. They make their third or fourth attempt up the climbing wall and finally ring the bell or step off the zip line platform. I start to receive emails to help facilitate play dates after camp or on the weekends. Developmentally and emotionally, 2 weeks is simply better for kids in our experience here at Summer Fenn. We want to honor what best sets kids up for success so we'll be encouraging families to commit to a 2-week session of Base Camp.

We fully understand that families need flexibility in their schedules, and that maybe a single week at Summer Fenn is what work best logistically or financially, or both- so that will still be an option!

Single week Base Camp registration begins February 14th.