

Buddy List, Cabin Group, and Trail Group Assignment Instructions

Buddies

The purpose of having buddies is so that each student always has at least one close friend to be with in every activity. Though it is reasonable to use student preferences in making buddy groups, don't put students together if you feel that they won't be successful together. Sometimes a "next best friend" is better than a "best friend."

Buddy pairs will be together in their cabins and in their trail groups. So that students can make new friends from other classes or other schools, cabin groups and trail groups will combine classes.

Please use the buddy list form to make buddy pairs for your classes, making same-sex pairs since buddies will be in cabins together. Students may be assigned a buddy from another class from the same school. Please make buddy pairs whenever possible; make buddy threesomes only if you have uneven numbers of girls or boys.

Trail Groups & Cabin Groups

Cooperating with the other teacher(s) from your school, please use your buddy lists to assign tentative cabin groups and trail groups, mixing classes. If you are sharing the camp with another school, you can leave a proportionate number of spaces for their students. Please separate students who would have difficulty being successful in the same group or cabin. Final assignments will be made in cooperation with the Program Director upon arrival at camp.

If the number of students actually attending changes on the morning of your departure, please make changes on the forms so that they will be completely up to date when you arrive. Soon after your arrival, GBOS staff will use your lists to finalize cabin group and instructional trail group assignments, so please have your lists handy when you get off the bus.

Thanks for your help assigning buddies and groups. Having a buddy will help the students feel safe and speed their settling into this new environment. And many students find making new friends in their cabin groups and trail groups a highlight of their experience.