

CAMP LIGHTBULB

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Our Camp Lightbulb family grows stronger and larger every year.

The theme for this year's Provincetown Summer Camp was True North and in this book our campers describe what that means to them. We captured their names and thoughts on sticky notes, and we proudly present our camper “line-up.”

To me True North is an internal compass that guides me and what we do at Camp Lightbulb - an orientation point that points to a place to call home, find happiness, to be safe and to build inner strength.

THANKS, PUCK

CAMPERS,



Boy did we have fun this summer. Drag shows, Logan's laugh, Dungeons & Dragons, Cards Against Humanity, Erin's fight with the Atlantic Ocean, Make-up sessions, "Repeat after me" campfire songs, late night conversations and the Funk Bus. The laughter and smiles were in full force.

However, Camp isn't always a barrel of laughs, flying unicorns and endless smiles. Sometimes it can be really hard by forcing you to push yourself out of your comfort zone, share space and learn some new things about yourself. You have ask and answer difficult questions and challenge yourself to engage versus falling back on good-old-familiar avoidance strategies, like being glued to your phone.

It is okay that Camp can be anxiety producing because it's a safe and supportive environment. I got to spend the week witnessing campers selflessly and effortlessly offer up compassion to one another, actions that reinforced our safe space.

Here are just a few ways I saw campers looking out for one another:

"Are you ok?"

Hugs

High-fives

"How can I help?"

Snapping in agreement

Offering the tissue box

“Can you check on this camper, I think they are struggling?”

Asking others to join-in.

Camp Lightbulb is more than just a LGBTQ camp, it is a camp where compassion runs wild and because of that a strong and healthy family is formed with compassion at its core.

Remember your *true north* is “your fixed point in a spinning world.” Believing in and following it will lead you down some amazing journeys. As your “mom,” I challenge you to take the compassion felt within the walls of our safe home and carry it with you while guided by your “true north.” Take the compassion shown to you by your CL family and reshape it into compassion for others outside of our family. Those times when it’s really hard to show compassion for someone, is when we need to do it the most.

I have been so lucky to be the CL “mom” for five years. Having over 100 teenagers and young adults can be exhausting. In my moments of uncertainty, discouragement and confusion, I think of my CL family and I know everything will be okay.

And remember, “Keep picking up after yourself!”

LOVE, MOM.



MICHAEL JAY JONATHAN SHAGGY PATTI FINN

TEAM

① SIZE 1-4 READ ③ FORMER'S
 ② SIZE 5-6 COME ④ FORMER'S
 VANILLA
 MINT CHIP
 PEACHNO
 COCO SHOCK
 CHOCOLATE HONEY
 CARAMEL
 BERRY PARADISE
 COFFEE
 PINK PONY SWEET
 RAINBOW SWEET
 CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE

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 KIDNIE 4.50
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BRETT

gay • empathetic • sleepy • artistic



CABES

gay



CADENCE

makeup • music • the ocean • wind • friends that have
unconditional love • the gay community • gold



CAT

schedules can become monotonous • sometimes it's good
to unplug from reality



CELESTE

My true north is using a dialectical blend of logical school of thought and emotion in the form of Kantian ethics. This means that, in the event of feeling lost, the process by which I regain control is by using rigorous logic to find the best possible action, while remembering people are ends, not means, and all deserve respect and kindness.



CHARLIE

art • music • friends • family



DANIEL

I am strong and independent • I am my own person • I am a powerful queer/trans person • I can make a difference



DAY

funny • queer • childish • artistic • musical • flexible •
playful • friendly



DIANA

metal music • loving



DIEGO

creative • loving • caring • friendly • charming



DYLAN D.

shy • bi • trans guy



DYLAN M.

creative • funny • outgoing



ELLIOTT

My true north is finding peace within others and myself.



ERIN

I am woman! I am strength! I am love! I am lesbian!



JACK

independence • remembering that it's going to be okay •
make goofs and be joyful



JENTRY

myself • happy • true • funny • trusting



JET

nonbinary and trans community • art!!! • affection



JOSH

who I am • who I love!



JULIAN

me



LAKE

being honest and happy



LAUREN

the music I listen to • my dedication to making art



LELA

being LGBT • friendship • art and music



LOGAN

my skin • my shade • my laughter



MASON

trans community • empathy



MORGAN

goofy • loving • proud



NICOLAS

My true north is true friendships and dialogue across differences.



NOAH

I am we.



REMY

my friends • the people that love me



ROGER

the music I listen to, and the music I make • my
philosophy • my values • cats



RONAN

intuition • open-mindedness • true to self • humor



TATE

intelligence • world building (Dungeons and Dragons) •
creativity • Dragon Age • Dungeons and Dragons



YOYO

sense of humor • kindness • my laugh • my loyalty



ZION

my creativity • my sexuality



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PARENT LETTERS

“I cannot thank you enough for the amazing time C had at camp. They came home with a smile I haven’t seen in so long. The love you showed has truly helped C show their sweet, loving side with confidence. Thank you for helping them to feel really good about themselves. They can’t wait for next year!” - Parent

“I just wanted to send a quick note of appreciation for the amazing job you all do for our kids. C has grown so much in confidence, self-awareness, trust and understanding in this past week. The change is even visible. Words cannot adequately express the feeling as a parent.” - Parent

“I just want to take a moment to thank you for what you do. C had an amazing time at CLB last week. They say that it was one of the most positive experiences of their life! I greatly appreciate the work that you do!” - Parent

“I just wanted to send my thanks to everyone at Camp Lightbulb for creating such an AMAZING experience on the Cape last week. My son, C, has been raving about camp ever since I picked him up on Saturday. He's been glued to the Facebook group chat that the kids set up and is looking forward to playing D&D online with his new friends. We were a bit apprehensive about camp because it was his first time away from home for a whole week. He had a bad camp experience at another camp (non-LGBT) a couple of summers ago and was hesitant to try again. You created such a loving, supportive and fun atmosphere that he didn't want to leave. He can't wait for next year!” - Parent

“C came home from camp absolutely BEAMING this year - so glad to see how she has progressed and become more confident. Camps and friends really help her, of course having great counselors and familiarity with repeat staff is a huge comfort for her as well. Your team does wonderful things and it's nice to watch how CL is growing. Again, thank you for all you do and plan!” - Parent

THANK YOU.

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