



## DAY CAMP BUDDY REQUEST POLICY

We offer Buddy Requests so your child has the option to attend Outta Bounds Day Camp with a friend. This is not a requirement for a fun week at camp and our ultimate goal is for each small group to have a positive and connected time at camp with their peers and counselors.

To accomplish this goal, campers are divided into boy and girl small groups and then placed by age and grade.

**Within these parameters, we strive to honor ONE request per camper but cannot always guarantee their placement.** All campers will be grouped within the same 12-month age group pending an unusual breakdown of age ranges in camper registrations.

Since this system has many variables, we ask parents/guardians to partner with us in clearly selecting a Buddy Request with the guidelines below and to be flexible with each camp session's dynamics and potential.

**Campers may request ONE buddy per session that fits these two parameters:**

- 1. Only RECIPROCAL requests between two campers will be honored.**
- 2. The requested roommate must also be within 12 months of the camper's birth date to be honored.**

### **To Create a Reciprocal Request in Camper Registration Account:**

If your child would like to request a buddy to be in the same group with them, please be sure to enter the following:

- 1. First and last name** of the other camper with **correct spelling**.
- 2. The email address the other parent/guardian used to register.**

**This will provide a DIRECT MATCH in our system.**

*Successful Example:* Sarah Anderson (age 7 years, 8 months) requests Brooklyn Smith (age 8 years, 2 months) and Brooklyn Smith requests Sarah Anderson. This is a reciprocal request that we can honor.

*Incomplete Example:* Sarah Anderson requests Brooklyn Smith BUT Brooklyn Smith requests Jessica Jones. Sarah's request is not reciprocal and would not be processed.

**Misspelled names and requests for friends outside of 12 months of age create incomplete requests as well.**