

The Competitive Edge Workshop I: Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Participant Workbook

Consider these guided questions with your camp's specialty program in mind...

1. Why this specialty? Why now? Why does it matter?

2. What is the program? What can stakeholders expect? What is the approach?

3. Who is the camper? Who is the family? Who is the staff?

4. How is this special? How is this different? How is this the same?

| Current Approach to Marketing & Recruitment What should change? What should stay the same? | | | |
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Marketing & Recruiting Tasks for a Specialty Program Start Up

| 1. | Ensure the specialty program narrative is clear and relevant – making a strong connection to the existing camp and a clear distinction of specialty. |
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| 2. | Research opportunities to interact OUTSIDE (Programming opportunities, parlor meetings, and related community events) |
| 3. | Research opportunities to interact INSIDE (National organization, existing camp families/stakeholders, tours) |
| 4. | Establish a Community & Raving Fans Outreach Plan (who are the other influencers and stakeholders for this specialty program?) |
| 5. | Design a home on the website for the specialty program. Determine the other collateral materials needed for the specialty. |
| 6. | Develop a social media strategy for this unique program. Include a joint approach with the larger camp and strategies that are just for the specialty program. |
| 7. | Document a Marketing & Recruitment Plan - breakout by month to calendar communications, key cities/communities, and recruitment activities/strategies |
| 8. | Train the team on the new narrative and help them navigate the differences between "camp" and "specialty program" |
| 9. | Establish (or re-establish) a clear <i>Inquiry to Close</i> game plan (Be sure to create a very clear lead follow up strategy) |
| 10 | . Confirm pricing, incentives, discounts, scholarship (Have something "happening" as much as possible.) |
| 11 | . Confirm Weeks and any flexible options |
| 12 | . Leverage Summer 2018 – promo video, photos, testimonials, b-roll video for future social media, focus groups, etc |

Create an Action Plan for the next FOUR months:

| June: | July: |
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| August: | September: |
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