

Taking Stock of the Cabin

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SUMMARY:	Using items from their cabin, co-counselors will explore the dynamics of their cabin community, what they want to see from their cabin community, and work together how each member of their community will contribute to getting there.
TOPIC(S):	Communication, Community/Kibbutz
LEARNING OBJECTIVE:	To better communication between co's and co-workers To see how the cabin community is doing
AUDIENCE:	Counselors
TIMING:	15 Minutes, mid-session
APPENDICES:	N/A
MATERIALS NEEDED:	10 items from each cabin
SET-UP DETAILS:	N/A

Timeline:

Before the meeting/session: Ask each group of co's to bring 10 items from their cabin with them.

0-1: Kibbutz Life

1-5: Kehilah & Me!

5-9: Building our Kehilah

9-13: Our Aspirational Kehilah

13-15: Debrief

Kibbutz Life (1 minute):

To open the meeting/session explain that kibbutz is the collective, communal experience. Everyone at camp brings something physically and contributes something. Take a minute to gather a few facts about kibbutzim from your staff (*things like, everyone has a specific role and benefits from each others work; kibbutzim often have a specialty or industry that sustains them; kids have a special role in kibbutzim, etc*). Close by making this point: We have power to create a vision and each cabin has something to add to our kehillah. Everyone communicates to ensure the success of the kibbutz.



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Our Kehilah/Community Today (4 minutes):

Take 2-3 minutes as co-counselors, and use the items you brought to create a representation of how you each contribute to the community of your cabin.

Ask for one or two people to point out something in their display to the group.

Building our Kehilah (4 minutes)

Now ask co's to use the 10 items to build a representation of how their cabin is doing at building community. Again, take 2-3 minutes to discuss and build the display.

Take 1-2 minutes with your co to consider how each of your campers contributes to building your cabin community. What do they have to offer? What are they already doing? What could they, uniquely, be doing to build up your cabin community?

Our Aspirational Kehilah (4 minutes)

Now ask co's to use the 10 items to create a representation of what you want your cabin community to look like for the rest of the session/summer. Again, take 2-3 minutes to discuss and build the display.

Take 1-2 minutes with your co to consider what steps you need to take, as a group, to ensure that your cabin gets there.

Debrief (2 minutes)

In the remaining minutes, ask each group of co counselors to share a word that represents how they want their cabin community to feel and one of the things that they are going to do to help get there.