

Journals/Final Project

Introduction

We understand that at camp you will be very busy while you are learning and having fun. However, to earn the credits for the summer coop, you need to have an eye open for learning opportunities and record the lessons you are learning. Before you return home, you will be asked to complete a final project that will summarize what you both experienced and learned.

Please take the time (about once each week) to write down important events that you have experienced that week. It can be point form, it can be a paragraph, it can be a book – the length is up to you and your situation considering your available time.

Journal 1

One of the questions we will ask you to consider for the final project is the best thing that happened to you at camp. So this week, think about the best thing that happened to you. Did you pass a test? Did you issue your first orders? Did something connect for you? Write it down in enough detail that you could remember that for the final project.

Journal 2

Another question you will be considering is the worst thing that happened to you at camp. Often we learn more from our failures than we do from our successes. What didn't work for you this week? What could you have done better? How will you ensure that you do better the next time? Was this a one shot occurrence?

Journal 3

By now, you've been well settled in your camp setting. You might remember the earlier Health and Safety briefings that you received in your first week. What health and safety issues do you see at your camp? How are they managed? How serious are they if they are ignored?

Journal 4

What are your goals for this camp experience? Are you on track to meet them? What roadblocks are you encountering? How can you surmount them?

Journal 5

How do you handle difficult people? Describe a situation in which you were called upon to handle a difficult person (while not using their names to respect their privacy). What lessons did you learn about yourself and how to handle others?

Journal 6

Think about the lessons you have been learning at camp. Not all lessons relate to the formal teaching you receive; you also learn from fellow cadets, from officers, and from instructors. Jot down some of the lessons you have learned this summer.

Journals equal Final Project

The period for summer coop is shorter than the period of summer camp due to the necessity of the school board getting marks in before the start of the next regular school year. Thus your journals will count both for journals and for your final project.

The deadline for the submission of your journals and any other work is August 10th, which will allow us sufficient time to mark your work and submit final marks to Summer School Admin.

Don't worry about submitting work electronically once at camp. You may submit hand written work. We are well aware that at many CTCs, access to computers are limited or even nonexistent.

To succeed, we ask you to simply reflect and think about your time at camp, then write your answers.

Journals must be a minimum of 1 paragraph each. Specific details should be included.