



Can my camper attend with a bunkmate who is two grades older or younger?

We assign cabins/groups based on a common grade level. To achieve this, the registration form asks for a bunkmate/buddy who is no more than one grade level different than your child. GENEVA strives to create the most conducive environment possible for children to thrive spiritually, socially, and emotionally. A significant step towards that end is for us to make cabin assignments based on common grade level. It has been our experience that when campers are more than one grade level different, the developmental gap significantly hinders the camp experience. To give an example, having bunkmates two grades apart means a 7th grader may end up in a cabin of 9th graders or a 9th grader may end up in a cabin of 7th graders. Of course, this can lead to the child at the extreme end of the population feeling the vast developmental difference in conversation, interests, activities and physical development. This impacts not only the two paired together, but the entire cabin community.