

## Why Friday Pick-Ups?

The Mountain is committed to providing quality programming and transformative experiences for campers throughout the summer season. This year, we've chosen to structure most sessions with **Friday pick-ups and Sunday drop-offs**, leaving Saturday as a dedicated transition day between camper groups. This schedule is designed to enhance the experience for everyone—campers, families, and staff alike.

For campers, this approach allows for a more relaxed and meaningful transition. Ending the session on Friday gives them a chance to say proper goodbyes and wrap up their week with closure. New campers arriving on Sunday benefit from a calm and welcoming environment where they can unpack, settle in, meet their counselors, and start forming friendships before jumping into full camp programming on Monday. It makes for a smoother emotional and social transition, especially for first-time campers.

For parents, Friday pick-ups and Sunday drop-offs allow for more quality time with your child when they return home or additional time to prepare before they head off to camp.

Behind the scenes, a Saturday transition day is essential for our staff and operations. Our team works hard throughout each session, and the transition day gives them time to rest, reflect, and properly prepare — so they're refreshed and ready to give your camper their best. It also allows us to deep clean cabins and shared spaces, complete any necessary repairs, and organize supplies or lost-and-found items, ensuring that camp is safe, clean, and ready to welcome new arrivals.

We understand that this operational shift may require some changes in your own schedule, and appreciate your understanding as we strive to maintain high-quality programming, prioritize camper wellbeing, support our incredible staff, and make camp transitions smoother and safer for everyone. Thank you for supporting a structure that helps us give your campers the best possible summer experience!