

## **A special note to older campers:**

If you are currently in eighth grade or higher, and will be 14 by next summer, you have the opportunity to be an upper senior in our three and four-week session. In many ways older campers set the tone for camp by setting an example for the younger, less experienced campers. **Upper seniors are expected to be camp leaders.** Returning as an upper senior is an exciting event for campers. Longer, more advanced trips are available to the older campers as well as the opportunity to assist the staff in a chosen activity. Many campers have gone on to become staff members after "apprenticing" in an activity their last few years at camp.

If you are interested in returning next summer send in your application soon, **accompanied by a letter telling us of your interests and reasons for wanting to return to camp.** We will not consider applications that do not include a letter from you. Your letter should answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to return to High Rocks as an Upper Senior or Aide?
- What have you learned from your previous camp experience?
- In what ways do you plan to contribute to camp next summer?

As in the past, we limit the age group size. Acceptance as an upper senior is based on timely application, your letter, and your participation with a positive attitude in previous summers. Last year we had several returning campers that were not able to return as upper seniors because they waited too late to send in their registration forms and letters. The upper senior group will be a group of campers selected from the pool of applicants that respond by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

As an upper senior you have the opportunity to assist with an activity. You pick an activity that you would like to help teach and then assist counselors with the activity. As an activity assistant you will learn advanced skills and have opportunities for assisting on trips as well. You will also help instruct younger campers and go on beginner trips to assist the staff. As an alternative you may choose a full schedule of activities in which you would like to participate on a daily basis rather than be an apprentice.

Feel free to call us if you have any questions or suggestions to make this your "best summer yet!"