

SUMMER CAMP KICK-OFF

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 • 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, WATERBURY

WORKSHOP	DESCRIPTION
De-escalation	Using a child-first, relationship-centered mindset, de-escalation teaches us that strong behaviors are no mystery, and that all feelings make sense. We also discover that preventative techniques (like focusing on connection) can help facilitate a sense of calm.
Summer Safety	Prepare for a safe summer! This workshop covers common seasonal hazards, practical prevention strategies, and hands-on practice creating effective safety plans for camps and outdoor programs.
Setting the Tone with Intention (director track)	Learn how to spark a summer of "best-ever" memories by intentionally crafting a high-energy, inclusive, and safe camp culture where staff thrive and families are engaged from day one!
Transitions	We'll share strategies and tools to ensure your students stay motivated and engaged, even in down-time. What we know for sure: when transitions are handled with forethought and the same level of intentionality as core programming, adults relax, and children thrive.
Relationship Building	Learn tips and tricks on building positive relationships with students, families, employees, community members, and administrators, with an emphasis on open communication and navigating different administrative structures.
Having Difficult Conversations With Staff (director track)	Build confidence in handling tough conversations in your program. This workshop explores best practices and practical strategies for addressing challenges with staff while fostering clear communication and a supportive environment.
Saying "Yes!" to Kids	Create a youth-centered culture that says "YES" to kids. This workshop helps staff reframe requests, empower youth to take ownership, build buy-in, and balance flexibility with clear, appropriate boundaries.
Professionalism in Summer Camp	Set the standard for professionalism at camp. This workshop helps staff build strong communication, model positive behavior, set healthy boundaries, and set healthy boundaries while growing confidence in their roles.
Setting Yourself Up For Success (director track)	Kick-off your summer with a high-energy session designed just for camp directors, focused on setting yourself up for success from day one. Through interactive discussions and real-life scenarios, you'll walk away with fresh ideas, practical tools, and the confidence to build a strong team, stay organized, and lead an unforgettable summer experience.