

## Camp, Creativity & A Trunk Full of Possibility

What is possible? Anything...

This session covers the planning that is needed for having a successful summer at camp as a camp counsellor. What do you bring? How do you prepare? What should you put in your trunk to make it the most magical summer ever?

We will cover various steps in helping our staff be prepared and helping them bring the right tools and attitudes to camp to make it the best summer yet.

The discussion will revolve around my **Trunk Full of Possibility** (built around 20 years on staff at camp). We will discover that with simple tools we all can have a trunk full of possibility that will make every campers stay the best it can be.

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# **A TRUNKFULL OF POSSIBILITY**

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**Bring things to give away – campers love to get stuff and think that it is just for them, they love it.**

**Bring your passion and share it – YOYO clubs at camp, special juggling workshops. Bring the idea and then make the things to make it so – juggling yarn.**

**Bring extra stuff – extra flashlights, extra blanket, extra understanding, extra attention. Your campers may need it or you may need it.**

**Bring Toys, Games and Activities to keep you and your campers entertained when they think they are bored. (Only boring people get bored). The little moments make a camper's summer.**

**Bring books – books for you to read, books for your campers to read and books for you to read to your campers. Share your favorite story with your campers.**

**Bring a deck or two of cards – kids know what to do.**

**Bring odds and ends that you always thought might be handy. They will be handy.**

**Bring yourself and give your all to your campers. Get your sleep and rest, focus your positive energy on your campers and you will be surprised at how much energy you will get back from them.**

**Bring a roll of duck tape. No kidding, it is one of the handiest items to have around.**

**Bring or make a nametag and wear it on arrival day, the first two days of camp and always on parent's or visitor's day. More campers will know your name, it will surprise you, make sure to learn campers names. A camper will respect you more if you know their name.**

**Bring some of your favorite quotes and put them up around you. This will give you strength when you need it and help others to understand you.**

**Bring lots of stuff, if you don't use it, so what, you'll kick yourself if you think of it when you are there and it is sitting on your desk at home.**

**Bring comfort items for yourself. A pillowcase, a blanket, a picture – whatever gives you that feeling.**

**The summer is what you make it.**

## Creative Quotations

- A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.
- A life lived without fantasy is a seriously impoverished life.
- You have to free yourself of rules, restrictions, and restraints, in order to make discoveries.
- When you say something is impossible, you've abandoned the winners and joined the losers.
- It doesn't matter how you get there, when you don't know where you're going. *The Flying Karamazov Brothers.*
- Intelligence is the ability to see many points of view without going completely bonkers. *Douglas Adams*
- Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth. *John F. Kennedy*
- Someone who tries to do something and fails is a lot better off than the person who tries to do nothing and succeeds.
- Great innovators and original thinkers and artists attract the wrath of mediocrities as lightning rods draw the flashes. *Theodor Reik*
- The obscure we see eventually. The completely obvious, it seems, takes longer. *Edward R. Murrow*
- Argue for your limitations and sure enough they are yours. *Richard Bach*
- Persistence is what makes the impossible possible, the possible likely, and the likely definite. *Robert Half*
- Seriousness is the only refuge of the shallow. *Oscar Wilde*
- There ain't no rules around here. We're trying to accomplish something. *Thomas Edison*
- Creativity doesn't rely on magic, it is simply a way of life.
- Most people surround themselves with arbitrary and artificial limitations, and then blame life for them.

## Creative Thinking -- Book List

Here is a list of some of the books that were used for the Creative thinking workshop. If you have any questions about any of the books feel free to get in touch with me, my number is at the bottom of the page.

- \*1. Creative Growth Games - 75 fascinating games to expand your imagination and unleash your originality. Eugene Raudsepp with George P. Hough, Jr.
- 2. Don't Just Do Something, Sit There - New maxims to refresh and enrich your life. Richard Eyre.
- 3. Five Star Mind - Games and puzzles to stimulate your creativity and imagination. Tom Wujec.
- 4. The Joy of Not Knowing It All - Profiting from creativity at work and play. Ernie J. Zelinski.
- \*5. Pumping Ions - Games and exercises to flex you mind. Tom Wujec.
- \*6. The Puzzle Arcade - for people who like lots of hints. Jerry Slocum.
- \*7. Puzzlegrams by Pentagram. Elan press.
- 8. More Puzzlegrams designed by Pentagram. A Fireside Book published by Simon and Schuster Inc.
- \*9. World'd Toughest Puzzles. Charles Barry Townsend.

This list is a collection of books that has accumulated over the course of 10 years. They can be found in most book stores, but many were also found in little out of the way used bookshops. The books with a star mark are the ones that I find the most useful for myself, but try out some of the others also.