

Oneness : All Camp Evening Activity

We Are One- within ourselves, as a people, as a world

Location: Eden Village Camp

Time for activity: 1 hour

Age Range: 8-15

Program Overview:

This is a one hour program designed for campers ages 8-15 to run around, have fun, and start to think about how there are so many different people in the world, but how we are one in harmony. Oneness is a central theme in our religion and allows us to see things from different perspectives. Campers will be put to the test to work together to unlock the answers to where the most strength and power exists in the universe. Through overcoming challenges placed before them, campers will ultimately understand that we have the most strength and can make the biggest changes in the world when we put our differences aside and work together.

Guiding Questions:

- 1) What is the world's best kept secret?
- 2) Is there more than one way to work with others?
- 3) Are there different forms of strength?
- 4) How do you choose to use your strength?
- 5) What does it mean to be *one*?

Enduring Understanding:

The Shema, the centerpiece of our prayers, focuses on oneness. That being said, it is often recited twice in the day and can encapsulate all other prayers into one. Many of the stations campers will encounter will force them to work together as one or even work with another group and gain a better understanding of how working together as one allows us to accomplish more.

Goals:

- 1) Think outside the box
- 2) Run around and have fun
- 3) Consider your power in the world
- 4) Gain a better understanding of how working as one supports the values we teach at camp: celebrating diversity, love, kindness
- 5) Unlock the key to strength and power in the universe: that we are one in harmony!

Materials needed: see *Maya Havusha: Oneness All Camp Program- Submission 1*
Spreadsheet (materials column G15)

Program Plan:

Two weeks before program (since you might need to order/purchase/create some materials):

- 1) Create a huge treasure chest that a human body/head can fit in
- 2) Look at *Maya Havusha: Oneness All Camp Program- Submission 1* Spreadsheet (materials column G15) and see if you need to order any materials

Day before program:

- 1) Meet with everyone leading a station and go over schedule, games and activities. This meeting is crucial in order for you to be able to focus on the other parts of the program as it's happening.
- 2) Organize materials so they are easy to distribute to folks leading stations
- 3) Tell station leaders when and where to get their materials for their stations the following day.

Day of program:

Set up: 1-2 hours

- 1) Prep all stations and distribute materials to the staff.
- 2) Set up the table and treasure chest in the middle of the field so all campers can see and have access to it.
- 3) Attach 8 locks to the chain (allowing it to be easily removed at the end), keeping track of which keys work for which locks and distribute those keys along with 200 others to all staff running stations. **Make sure you have somehow labeled or kept track of the actual keys that work for the 8 locks.**

Program Schedule: see *Maya Havusha: Oneness All Camp Program- Submission 1*
Spreadsheet

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Campers will understand how, sometimes, even when we think we can do something alone, we find our greatest strength in working together
 - Just like the four elements need each other to exist, so do we
 - Get the campers tired before bed
 - Challenge the entire camp, all 200 people, to believe in themselves to successfully jump in the air all at once
 - Have fun!
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Attachments:

1. (4) photos of the program
2. Video [see 1:00-1:47]
3. [Maya Havusha: Oneness All Camp Program spreadsheet](#)