

## Important Instructions Regarding Roommate Assignments

We are so grateful for the time and effort you put into your callings and for the support you give to Oakcrest Girls Camp as we strive to provide a meaningful, testimony-building experience for your young women. We have a wonderful staff that truly cares about your girls.

We have had some problems in the past with roommate assignments that we would like to bring to your attention. We have noticed that some of the girls' registration forms are attached to girls that aren't listed as requested roommates. We have also had many requests by leaders for roommate changes after the cards have been turned in. While we understand that there are circumstances where changes need to be made, we ask that stake and ward leaders not make those requests unless a camper's parent or guardian has contacted them suggesting a change. Leaders must have the approval of all parents of the involved girls before contacting Oakcrest. Should a ward or stake leader have a concern about certain girls being together, that concern should be addressed to the parents of each girl first. If the parents agree that a change should be made, Oakcrest will honor that request. Any roommate changes must be requested before the Monday two weeks prior to your assigned week. No changes can be made after that date.

At registration in March we ask that you staple the registration cards of your girls together with their requested roommate's card. **Beginning this year, Oakcrest will only accept twosomes as roommates.** If you have concerns regarding girls who may be left without a roommate due to this new policy, please call or email your assigned Oakcrest registration contact. Please honor the girls' requests unless they have suggested more than one roommate or their roommate has decided not to attend. If a change is made at registration, please alert the parents and the girls involved. In order for cards to be stapled together, roommates must have the other's name on each of their respective cards.

We understand that the registration process is a long and arduous one, and we appreciate the help that you give us. We are hoping to avoid some of the problems that occur at camp when young women are not placed with the roommates they have suggested. Please be aware that when a young woman or her parent comes to us with a complaint about not being placed with the right roommate, we refer them to their stake leaders. Oakcrest does not take responsibility for roommate issues.

Having said this, please know that we have many girls who come to Oakcrest without a suggested roommate and have a fantastic experience getting to know new young women. Should you have girls in your ward or stake who do not have a roommate on their forms, do not place them with girls who also do not have a roommate unless you have permission from both girls and their parents. Many girls actually opt not to have roommates in order to have a personal experience at camp and to get to know other girls.

Thank you for everything you do to uplift the lives of your young women and for your selfless service. We could not do our jobs without your help.