

Senior Recognition FAQ's

1. If I don't apply for Senior Recognition this year and return as a camper in 2021 will I still be considered for Senior Recognition next summer?

Yes, all Senior campers are considered for Senior Recognition each session and not applying this year will not disadvantage a camper's candidacy in 2021. That being said, the process will be more selective in 2021, as our Senior Division will include 15-17 year-old campers, all of whom are eligible for Senior Recognition. This year, we have limited the application process strictly to sixteen year-olds, as that is typically the age when the vast majority of campers receive Senior Recognition. We encourage all sixteen-year-olds who are considering applying, to do so this year so that we can assure the strongest pool of applicants.

2. If I receive Senior Recognition, will I automatically be a Leader Corps member in 2021?

Yes, 24 campers will receive Senior Recognition and there will be follow-up communication from Belknap for those campers to indicate their preference for a spot as a first-month or second-month LC. We will likely offer some campers a spot on the LC waitlist, which means we would go to that group first should any of the 24 campers who receive Senior Recognition turn down an LC contract.

3. Who should I ask for a personal letter of recommendation?

If you choose to submit a letter of recommendation, it must be written by someone outside of your family who knows you well. You might think about a teacher, coach, or mentor in your life that can speak to your character, personal qualities, and leadership potential in order for us to get to know you better.

4. Is there a disadvantage if I have only been at Belknap for 1-2 years?

Not necessarily. Being a camper for a longer period of time likely means that our leaders might know you a bit better and can offer some more perspective on your time at camp, but we are much more interested in a campers' experience in the summer of 2019 when incorporating Belknap leader's input into the decision-making process?

5. What is different about this year's Senior Recognition process compared to other summers?

This is the first time we have ever asked for a camper application and personal recommendations. In a regular summer, we rely on the Senior Leaders' perspectives and experiences living with and getting to know each Senior camper and evaluating them based on the Senior Recognition criteria that is posted on the Belknap Website. The Senior Leaders are supported by the Leadership Director and the Leader's Corps director to assure a fair and thorough process has taken place.

6. What advice can you offer me if I really want to be an LC?

Be honest and be yourself. The best way we can get to know you better through this application process is if you are able to craft honest and sincere answers to the questions that help us to get to know you better and demonstrate that you have put in a sincere effort to the process. We aren't

looking for the best writers, but checking your answers for spelling, basic grammar, and any typos will show that you are proud of your work and that you put in the time and effort required in order to put your best foot forward in the process.