

Real-World Camp Scenarios: Left Behind

Every year, we hear about incidents in which a camper gets lost during a field trip. While traditional head counts help, they still leave room for error.



Scenario

Returning from a field trip, a group stopped to use the restrooms at a gas station. After the bus set off again, a camper emerged from the bathroom. They asked the gas station attendant for help.

The attendant contacted the camp's head office who reached out to staff on the bus. They were half an hour away and completely unaware of the missing camper.

The camper was returned unharmed.

Discussion Questions

- Could this happen at your camp? Why/Why Not?
- What challenges do you face when supervising campers on a field trip?
- How many solutions can you think of for preventing campers getting lost?