

Topic: ALV Camp Organization and Structure

Welcome to ALV Camp! There are some important things you should know about the nature and structure of our camp, firstly:

*****There is strictly a NO smoking and NO alcohol policy at any of the campsites*****

There are 4 types of camps we run-

1. **School camps** (these are held at schools around Taiwan as day camps i.e. students go home each day)
2. **Residential camps** (students, teachers and TA's all stay in a facility together and nightly activities will be held.)
3. **Military camps** (students are army personnel).
4. **Overseas camps** (students will be brought to another country for the culture study and English learning.)

School · Residential & Overseas camps are further divided into 2 age groups- **J camp** (12 years old and under) and **S camp** (12 years and over). **J & S camps** are then divided into 3 colour coded sections- **red** (low), **yellow** (intermediate) and **green** (high). You will be advised at camp orientation (the day before camp begins) as to which camp you have been placed in.

Level Placement

For school camps this is done prior to your arrival. You do not need to do anything. For residential & overseas camps, this is done upon student arrival. Materials are provided and you will be expected to assist in the testing process.

Materials

You will be provided with some teaching materials upon arrival at orientation- ensure you understand which book is needed for which activity at a particular time!

*****Note-you will be asked to teach a different level on occasion i.e. if you are teaching J camp you will also teach S camp sometimes. Note the materials are different-check with the class TA!!***

3 books:

1. **Activity Reference**- The same for all students. A great reference with songs, games and chants. Best to always carry this in case you need a fast game!
2. **Student's Reference**- Colour-coded for **red** (low), **yellow** (intermediate) and **green** (high). This has some songs and games and activities according to student's levels. Carry this for the situational teaching or borrow one if you need to rotate classes/ levels.
3. **Express Yourself**- Each class has a different book (it is the thin, colour book) so ensure you have the correct one for your class. You will teach this in the 'ESL Program' slot with your own home class.

Move Desks and Chairs

This will be done on orientation day. Please work with your TA to move some desks and chairs to a "U shape" and put the others aside in the classroom. Before you move desks or chairs, please make sure to put a mark on them: "line-row". For example: "2-3" means "second line, third row". On the last day, ask the students to help you to move all of them to the marks.



Beads

For encouraging students to speak out or showing good merit in our camp, there is a bead competition. The conditions of giving beads are as follows:



1. Speak out bravely based on their language level: one bead reward
2. Clean up their room: one bead reward
3. Bring their own bowl and chopsticks for each meal on the basis of protecting our environment: one bead reward/per meal
4. Show his/her merit, such as helping classmates: two bead reward

The fifth day before the end of each session, TA will take some time to count the students' beads. There is a bead competition. The student who has the most beads will get a big reward.

There are **3 types of beads** used on the camp-

1. **Coloured beads**- explained as above, for English usage
2. **Letter beads**- each teacher and TA will be given 10 beads with the first letter of their name. Students can exchange 10 coloured beads for 1 lettered bead. In the bead competition, these are still counted i.e. 1 lettered bead =10 coloured.
3. **Money beads**- 1 pink= NT\$100, 1 blue= NT\$250 (real money). Students are given either 5 pink or 4 blue beads and their parents have paid a deposit representing these beads. If students speak Chinese on camp, they will lose 1 of these beads. If students lose all their beads before the end of camp, then parents must pay a further deposit. The 'real' money & deposit collected from these beads will go to charity.



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Play Money

Each residential camp student will be given \$5 dollars/per day in play money; for day camp or school camp, students will be given \$2 dollars/per day in play money. Ask all students to write their name and class number on their money in pen. They must use English for their purchases. Students with **green** strings will be charged \$3 for speaking Chinese. Students with **yellow** strings will be charged \$2 for speaking Chinese, and students with **red** strings will be charged \$1-providing they should know



the vocabulary. ALV camp also set up different situational shops for providing the students to practice their daily conversation. Students will be charged different play money in different shops, buying snacks etc. There will be a charge of \$1 for laundry. If students have run out of money before the camp ends, they will need to ask the teacher or TAs for a job, to ensure they can still pay for meals etc. If students have run out of money before the camp ends, they will need to ask the teacher or TAs

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Class Rules and Class Chant

After you finish your self-introduction to your small team, please go back to your class to make your class rules and class chant. Please add these three points in your class rules: **Only English, No cell phones** and **No cameras during the class time and the meal time**. Please do not forget to give your class a class name (this may have already been given during orientation meeting, if not, make 1!). When you make your class chant, you can work with your TA. Class chant can use a song, a chant etc. It's better to add some gestures in it. Please try your best to practice your class chant very well. The following is an example for class chant and the melody is "The Sound of Music- Do Re Mi":



Fairies (Class name)

Oh, my girls. You're my fairies.
Yes. We are beauty fairies.
We will help everyone.
Get together to win the game.
We are the best class.
We will beat you all.
We make the whole camp shake.
You'd better go home now

Camp Rules and Camp Chant

Please follow our reference to teach students and try to practice it well. For the first time, please work with your TA to demonstrate the camp chant. The following times, you or your TA can be the leader. If students practice it very well, you can ask one volunteer to be the leader. Please give some beads as a reward to the good students.

Group games & activities

We will teach you some activities on orientation day. Please take some time to practice them or make a creative one. We would like to invite some classes to show the others in the opening ceremony.

For more information, please feel free to visit our website:

www.kidscamp.com.tw