



Camp Hawk (CH) provides first-year and sophomore students an opportunity to connect with other students in a fun, relaxed, and inclusive environment. Just a month into the fall semester, Camp Hawk treats students to a weekend away from Lehigh, where they focus on building connections, identifying values, and having fun with upperclass students.

*Due to uncontrollable circumstances, Camp Hawk had to be reorganized 24 hours before it was set to begin. As such, not all of the originally planned activities were executed and it was a one night experience as opposed to two nights. Although this is speculation, some of the students who registered but did not attend may have been influenced by the sudden change of plans.

WHO ATTENDED?

- 59 Registered participants
- 41 Attended:
 - 35 first-year and 6 sophomore
- 14 Counselors

Camp Hawk was **FREE** this year (with a \$25 deposit refunded after attending).



WHY DID THEY ATTEND CAMP HAWK?

- 88% - seemed like fun
- 77% - it was free
- 71% - to make more friends
- 20% - haven't found their niche on campus yet

WHAT DID THEY GET OUT OF IT?

- >80% - willing to step outside of their comfort zone to meet more people or get involved
- 77% - know how to talk to people they just met
- 60% - made at least one strong connection with a camper
- 22% - learned how to get involved on campus



STUDENT SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE

- 49% - wanted more free time at CH
- 17% - wanted more group discussions at CH
- 35% - did not want more group discussions at CH
- 58% - suggested making CH a two-night experience

- “Camp Hawk needs to be at least two days in order for the bonding to start because the first is just all introductions.”
- “With just one night together, you make some acquaintances. With two nights together, you're almost guaranteed to make friends.”
- “It will allow everyone to grow a stronger connection with a little bit more time.”
- For those opposed to two nights, it was mainly because Sunday still allowed them to rest and get work done
 - Bowling, free time, and Iron Hawk were listed as CH highlights
 - Early and late registrants both indicated difficulty in some areas of the college transition

OFYE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- Make CH a two-night experience
- Keep it free, with a refundable deposit
- Incorporate bowling, if possible
- Increase interaction between color groups
- Open up registration later
- Include conversations regarding post-CH campus involvement

COMMENTS ABOUT THE COUNSELORS

100%

said their CHCs made them feel comfortable and created an inclusive environment

97%

said their CHCs were knowledgeable about Lehigh

91%

said their CHCs led group discussions well

Camp Hawk Counselors



TRAINING:

- 100% liked having spring training every week
- 75% thought combining training every other week with Orientation Leaders was helpful

CHCs WOULD LIKE TRAINING TO INCLUDE MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- How to form open-ended questions
- How to deal with people who aren't having fun or who don't want to have fun
- More team-building activities between CHCs
- More CH planning, especially in the spring semester
- More facilitation practice



AFTER TRAINING:

- 88% are better at facilitating conversations
- 100% are more confident in facilitating discussions and activities
- 100% believed they learned helpful facilitation strategies, and were able to list at least 5
- 100% said they are better at being diplomatic
- 88% felt involved in the planning of CH

FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Begin planning the CH experience with CHCs during spring training
- Create color groups after fall retreat
- Teach CHCs ice-breakers and activities they can use during downtime
- Continue to offer a fall retreat with new GA
- Have the counselors reach out to the students who are in their color group
- Contact Gryphons/Orientation Leaders so they can suggest CH to any students who may be struggling
- Let CHCs lead more activities during CH
- Contact campers post CH