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Sample Camp Business Plan Outline

A business plan not only helps you secure financing or sponsorship it will force you through a critical thinking process that will give you the confidence to move forward with your dreams and meet the challenges that lie ahead. The following is a typical outline of a business plan to start a camp. Your outline may need to be different depending on the funder's request.

1. Executive Summary

• generally a one or two-page summary that highlights the proposed business, market, management, and financial forecasts.

2. Mission

statement of purpose

3. Type of Business

• resident, day, trip or travel camp

4. Ownership

- business status new business, existing business, takeover/buyout
- for profit individual proprietorship, partnership, corporation, shareholders
- nonprofit agency, religious group, independent, public or governmental entity

5. Financial Objectives

• profit, investors, planned subsidy, or break-even operation

6. Location and Facilities

- desired location
- environment and facilities

- season(s) of operation
- owned, rented, or leased facilities and/or equipment

7. Program Services Description

- desired client outcomes or benefits
- program structure and activities
- projected number of campers per session
- season and/or session length

8. Market Analysis

- target clientele to be served
- industry analysis and standards
- competitive position
- marketing plan

9. Management Plan

- key individuals and duties including board of directors, if applicable
- administrative, support services, and program personnel plan
- insurance and benefits
- office and technology requirements
- timetable

10. Start-Up Costs

- working capital available
- capital investment required
- consultants and/or personnel

- legal fees
- analysis of federal, state, county, municipal regulations, and taxes required to operate
- risk analysis and insurance
- program, office, and other noncapitalized supplies and equipment

11. Annual Budget

- fee or tuition
- other income sources
- fixed and variable expenses
- projected profit or loss

12. Cash Flow Projections

- monthly income and expenses
- annual three- to five-year projections