

## Great Counselor Snowball

- I want you to take a moment and think about 1 person who has had a strong, positive impact on you in your life so far
  - If you were a camper here or someplace else, think about the 1 counselor who had the biggest positive impact on you as a camper.
  - If you were never a camper, think about a teacher or coach who made a strong, positive impact on you.
- Take a moment to think about that person, what they did, and how/why it made a positive impact on you.
- Now, I'm giving each of you a blank sheet of paper, and I'd like you to write the qualities or attributes of that person that made them the person you thought of here, today. (anonymous sharing - - don't write your name & please be honest with answers)

### **(ask camp leaders to distribute paper & pens)**

- Now, with your paper in your hand, everyone please stand in your small circle

### **(ask camp leaders to quickly collect pens)**

- We're going to have a snowball fight, so you need a snowball . . . please crumple your paper into a ball
- On the count of 3, please throw your snowballs across your circle (1,2,3)
- Everyone please pick-up one snowball and go back to your circle
- Let's go around your circle and everyone please read the qualities and attributes listed on your snowballs so that everyone in your circle can hear them
- After reading snowballs, continue . . .
- I'm sure you shared & heard some impressive qualities. Some may have been repeated because they're that important
- You probably heard some of these words: positive, enthusiastic, caring, kind, funny, responsible, leader, friendly, patient . . . the list could go on & on . . .
- **You** want to be the counselor that your campers think of 8 – 10 years from now when they're sitting here at staff orientation, preparing to be outstanding staff members
- Today is about how you prepare for your role as "**that**" counselor
- **That** counselor or teacher or coach stood out in your mind because they made a positive difference in your life
- **You** have the opportunity and the power to make a positive difference in the lives of your campers this summer
- Your camp leaders and supervisors will be there to guide and coach you so that you can do it successfully
- Please step-up and take the initiative to be "That" counselor this summer