

This article was written for our camp newspaper by a counselor who has been with us for 18 years and she thought this was her last summer, but we know she will be back.

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Hello FCDC!

So I've spent almost every summer of my life at FCDC and the reason, I've decided, we all keep coming back is both simple and complex. Of course I love the place; that's simple, but it's really so much more than that. . . most of which can't be put into words or described to anyone who hasn't experienced it. Maybe it's because FCDC is the most positive and encouraging place in the world. The fact that youth holds no age here makes us all want to stay forever. FCDC is a paradise where the real world is lost and only that which really matters shines through; love, enthusiasm, humor, spontaneity, cookouts. etc. But there is something else about it that can't be put into words. This is the very essence of camp. It's the same thing that bores your friends who don't work here. It's not caring that your classmates think going to camp every summer doesn't sound like fun. It's trying to describe what a counselor competition is and why the heads win every year! It's not changing the station when the Backstreet Boys come on. It's Butterfingers. It's saying "hands up" and being disappointed when the room continues to talk (oh goodness!) It's why we count down the days until summer and hoping for rain at night and on the weekends. It's finding a job or internship willing to give you six weeks off. It's walking through dewy grass, half asleep, coffee in hand, and being totally excited for the day to start. It's saying "Good Morning" to Tom. It's hating the third week in August. It's the reason seagulls don't live in the Bay. It's why there isn't a dry eye at flag on the last day. It's Gail and It's Tom and it's you and me.

I think it's so hard to describe exactly what it is that makes this place so special because words simply cannot do it justice. Everyone who has been a part of this camp has contributed something amazing to it. . . . Thank you from the bottom of my heart that that. I have made some of my best friends here and had some of the best times of my life. The impact you have made on me is immeasurable. This place will forever hold a special place in my heart and it makes me very happy to know that there are so many other people who feel the same way I do. I love you all very much. Be safe, stay in touch, keep the tradition alive

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