

applicant number	applying for	preference
9	Discovery Counselor	Discovery

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO REAPPLY?

Most of the reasons are the same that made me want to apply for the position last year. I love what Dawg Camp does for new students. Before I went to DC16, I was really scared that, going to school in the south (and outside of Atlanta), I wouldn't be able to really express myself. Dawg Camp showed me that that's not the case. It showed me that I can be open about who I am and without that my freshman year would not have been anywhere near as good as it was for me. But also I want to be a Dawg Camp counselor again because now I can do better than I did this past summer. I learned a lot about what works for me as a counselor and how that affects my campers' experience, and I want to use that to be a better counselor this time.

THREE WAYS YOU PLAN TO STEP UP AS A RETURNER

1. I want to be more involved in getting to know everyone on the DC18 staff and making the new counselors feel at home even before retreat.
2. I want to help mentor the new counselors so they can learn from my experiences and not make the same mistakes I did.
3. I want to use my experience of being a camper, counselor, and crew member to help camp run smoothly for everyone as best I can.

EXAMPLES OF JUSTIFICATION

After "I am Bulldog Nation", a camper came to me and asked if they could talk to me about being nonbinary. They said that they were so excited to be at Discovery because they were meeting so many people who they could talk to about things they couldn't ever talk about before. I think that speaks to what I can bring to Dawg Camp because all I can really bring is myself. I can show people that you can be yourself, you can be different, and you can be vocal about it.

At the beginning of Discovery, I spent a lot of time showing people where to go because I already knew FFA fairly well from my experience as a camper. This time around I'll be coming in with experiences as a camper, counselor, and crew member so I'll be able to provide both general knowledge and more insight into how the camp actually runs.
