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Dear Parents,

Color War has descended upon Lansman's Day Camp! We have a long tradition of Color War at Lansman's – generations of campers still remember their color war teams, songs, and competitions. We have welcomed many new families to Lansman's Day Camp this summer, and we wanted to let everyone know what to expect from Color War and Color War Sing.

### ***What is Color War?***

Color War is a weeklong camp wide competition. The camp is divided into two teams. The names of the teams change from year to year – this year we are Riptide Red and Woodland White – but the Lansman's colors never change; they are always Red and White. Throughout the week the teams compete against each other in different activities such as Track & Field Races, Swim Races, Newcomb, and Kickball. The teams will also go up against each other in Lansman's traditional Color War competitions such as the Water Bucket Relay and the Apache Relay. The teams accumulate points for each competition they win, along with receiving points for having good sportsmanship.

### ***What is Color War Sing?***

Color War Sing is the culmination of all the campers' hard work. The teams are not only competing with each other throughout the week, but they are also busy learning and practicing their Sing Night songs. The counselors are responsible for writing the lyrics for these songs, as well as painting their team Banner. Each team presents three songs: March, Comedy, and Alma Mater.

- **March** – the March is a song about the team's spirit, desire to prevail, and the fight they have within them to work together and win as a team.
- **Comedy** – the Comedy is a chance for the counselors to get in some friendly teasing after spending the past 7 weeks working together. It's all in good fun, and after spending time with the staff all summer, campers enjoy the chance to poke a little fun at their counselors!
- **Alma Mater** – this is the song that brings tears to everyone's eyes. The Alma Mater is a song about the friendships that have been made, the sadness at the summer ending, and the memories that will last a lifetime.

- **Banner** – the Banner is a painting that is essentially the team logo. The Banner is painted by the counselors during after camp hours throughout the week of Color War. It is presented for the first time to campers and parents at Sing Night. Counselors have been known to spend countless hours working on the Color War Banner!

### ***How does Color War Sing Night work?***

Each team goes into Sing Night with the points they have accumulated throughout the week of Color War. The teams have five opportunities at Sing Night to accumulate more points. The teams are judged on their Entrance, March, Comedy, Alma Mater, and Banner. Each of the categories is evaluated by a panel of impartial judges. The judges are given score cards to decide which team wins each category. Once the songs have been sung and the banners have been presented, the judges' hand in their cards to the Camp Director who will then tally the scores from Sing and add them to the week's total for each team. The camp director will then announce which team has won Color War.

Campers love Color War week and they work hard all week in sports and learning their team songs, but most importantly they have one of the best weeks of their lives and create amazing memories that they take with them from their Lansman's summer. We look forward to seeing all of you at Color War Sing!!!

Sincerely,

Adam and Qynn Schumer  
*Camp Directors*