Developing Sustainable Professional Staff Teams

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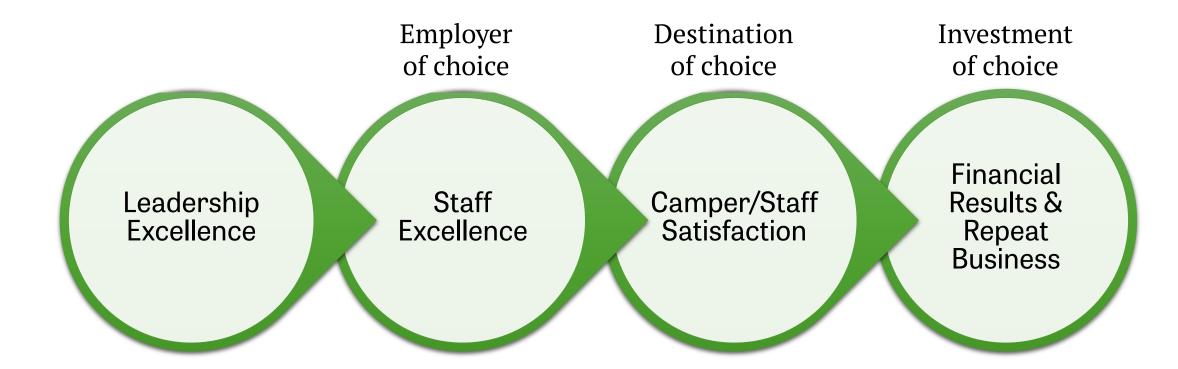
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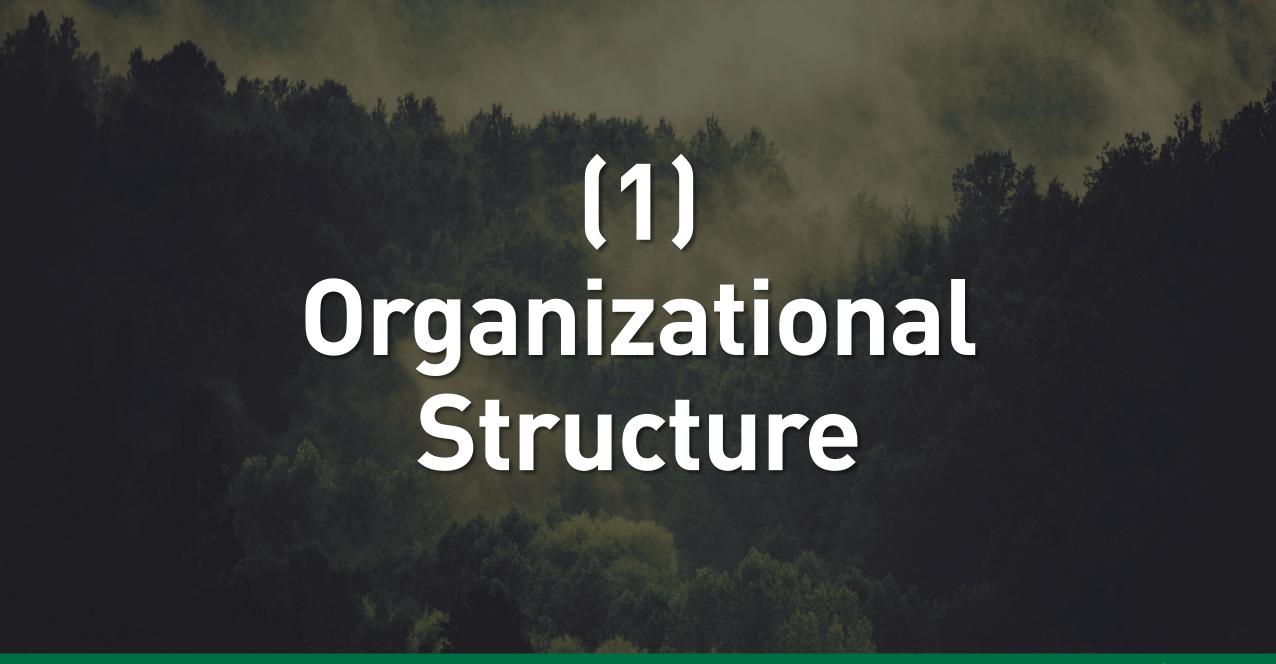




Our Value Chain







Organizational Structures

Functional

- Divisions based on specialty
- Dedicated to single function; communication challenges

Divisional

- Divisions based on products/projects
- Operate independently; compete for resources

Matrix

- Multiple bosses, reporting lines
- Flexible; conflict prone

Flatarchy

- Power spread over multiple positions
- Efficient decision making, if everyone agrees









Let's talk about you

- What works with your organizational setup?
- What are the *recurring* challenges?
- Is there a significant gap between year-round and seasonal setup?
- Is your model sustainable? / Is it built for future growth?





Is this model engaging and sustainable?









Your culture is defined by the worst behaviors of your senior leadership.

Performance Reviews

Common Types of Reviews

- Ranking
- 360 Feedback
- Competency-based
- Management by objectives

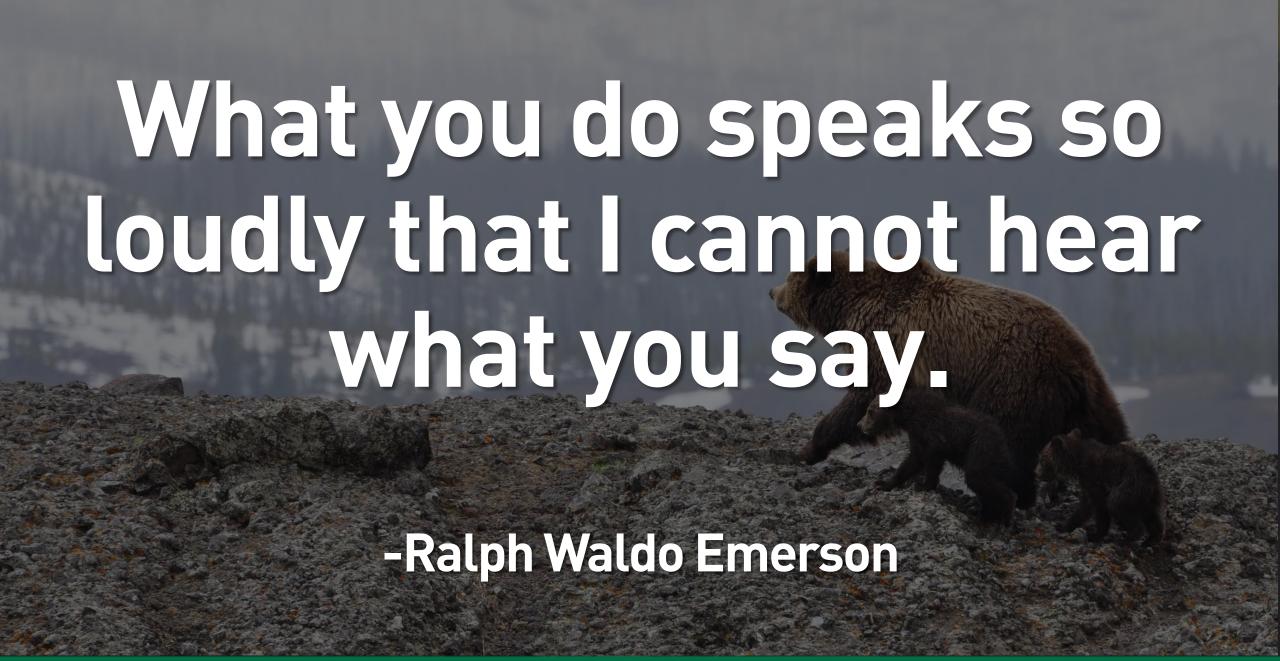
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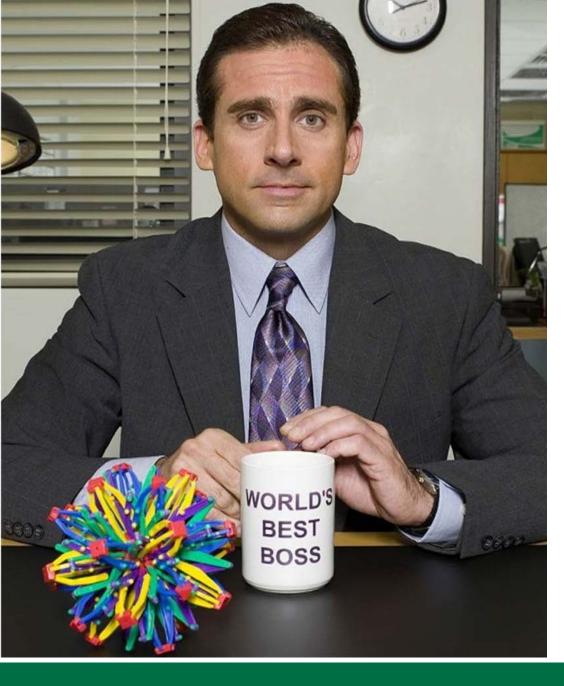
- Lack of differentiation between goals
- Recency Effect
- Halo/Horns Effect
- Personal Bias
- Inaccurate Information/Prep



The Five Question Check

- 1. What is something you did or said which I may have missed that you are proud of?
- 2. What is typically the most challenging part of your day at camp?
- 3. Do you feel more or less successful in your role than last year? How and why? // New staff: How is this job different than what you expected? How is it the same?
- 4. Did you feel prepared for the summer season? Why or Why not?
- 5. Is there anything from this most recent Q12 survey that we should discuss?





Mo' Evals Mo' Problems

- 1. Lack of support from leadership
- 2. Perception of process as "busywork"... or worse!
- 3. Failure to communicate clear goals and objectives
- 4. Lack of consistency





Data on Gen Z

- 73% apply for a job based on the opportunities for personal or job skills development.
- 78% prefer flexibility over a bonus.
- 60% want multiple check-ins from their manager during the week.
- Biggest fear: Being viewed as unprofessional











Annual Performance Contract

Name	Today's Date
Position	Supervisor's Name

The purpose of this Performance Contract is for the employee and their supervisor to set commonly-agreed upon objectives for the coming year. By setting reasonable goals, supervisors will be in a position to help support their teams throughout the year. *This document is meant to be a living agreement, to be revisited and updated at least quarterly.*

Your progress toward these goals will directly influence your annual performance review and compensation.

SMART Goal Planning

"SMART" objectives are: Simple, Measurable, Attainable, Reasonable, and Time-bound

SMART Goal	Track Comments	
	Target Completion Date:	
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Performance Contracts

What's in them?

- SMART Goal Setting
 - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound
- Leadership Metrics

When should this happen?

- At the start of your cycle (at least annually)
- Reviewed quarterly
- Creates a culture of listening and selfmotivated growth



Leadership Metrics

Role Model – Personally role model the mission, vision, and values of the organization. Self-correction – Acknowledge when you make a mistake, apologize, and work to prevent a recurrence. Ongoing Improvement — Demonstrate a relentless focus on continuous improvement, regardless of any awards or recognition received. Customer Service – Feel a sense of personal pride, and instill pride in your team, about the importance of providing excellent customer service. Staff Retention – Put energy into developing strong hiring, recruitment, and retention processes to minimize staff turnover. Professional Development – Prove their commitment to lifelong learning through continuing in their own development of their team. Recognition – Celebrate small wins and provide meaningful recognition. Problem Solving – Involve your team by training in problem-solving tools and the use of data for fact-based decisions and processes. Proactivity – Leverage your experience to make proactive	Key Objective	Employee Discussion
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- Facilitated Coaching
- Build Relationships
- Ruinous empathy
- Support earnestly, but be honest when things aren't going well
- Always. Be. Professional.



