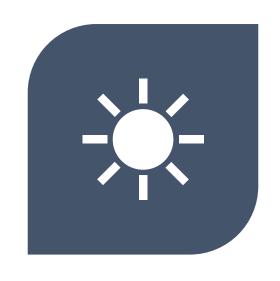
# Using New Social Media Tools to Communicate Effectively

Alli Thresher

Digital Content Lead, PJ Library

#### i.e. Really Fun Ways to Keep in Touch





**DURING THE SUMMER** 

YEAR-ROUND

## Agenda



Social Media Policy Overview



Tools & Platforms



Summertime Ideas



Year-Round Engagement



Brainstorming and Q&A



- How many of you have a social media policy in place at your camp?
  - For campers
  - For staff

#### Sample Policies

- American Camp Association
  - Limit interactions with current campers
  - Develop voice/posting guidelines for anyone with access to your camp's social media accounts
    - And any individual that might post in a FB group as a representative of your camp
  - Include clauses about after-camp interactions

# Tools & Platforms

#### Facebook

- Groups
- Live/Stories

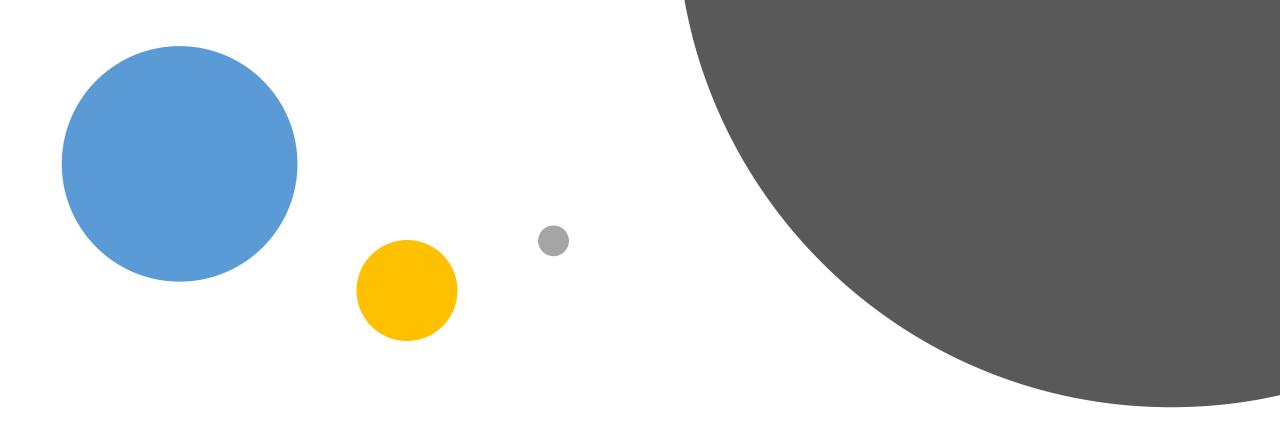
#### Instagram

• Stories

#### **Messaging Services**

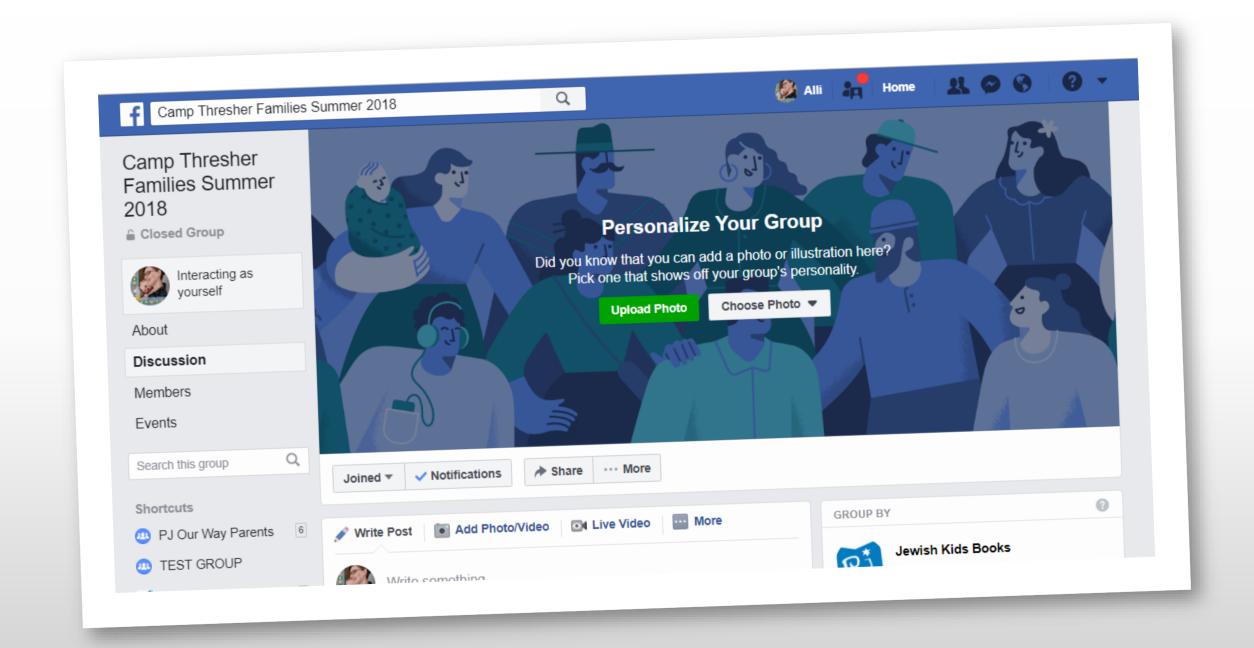
• WhatsApp etc...

#### Livestreaming



## Facebook Groups

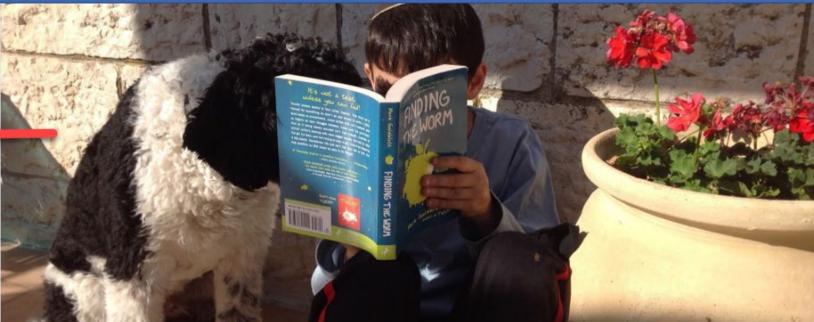
How many of you have a dedicated group for parents of campers from a particular season?



### Attaching a Group to a Page

- To link a group that you admin to your Page:
- From your News Feed, click **Pages** in the left menu and select your Page.
- Click the **Groups** tab in the left column, if it's visible. If it's not visible, manage your Page's tab and sections and then go back to your Page and click the **Groups** tab.
- Click Link Your Group.
- Click Link next to the group you want to link your Page to.
- Click **Link Group** to confirm.







Videos Photos

Events

Group Insights

Announcements

Members

Moderate Group

Search this group

#### Shortcuts

PJ Our Way Parents

TEST GROUP

17 M PJ Library

PJ Library Professio... 5

Harold Grinspoon Ch... 8



**Announcements** 

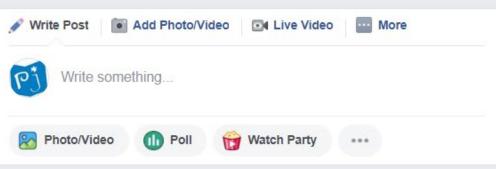
Jamie Gray Light

Admin · Yesterday at 10:12 AM













**GROUP BY** 











315 Members

## Ways to Use Your Facebook Groups



Go LIVE in the group



Share daily photo albums

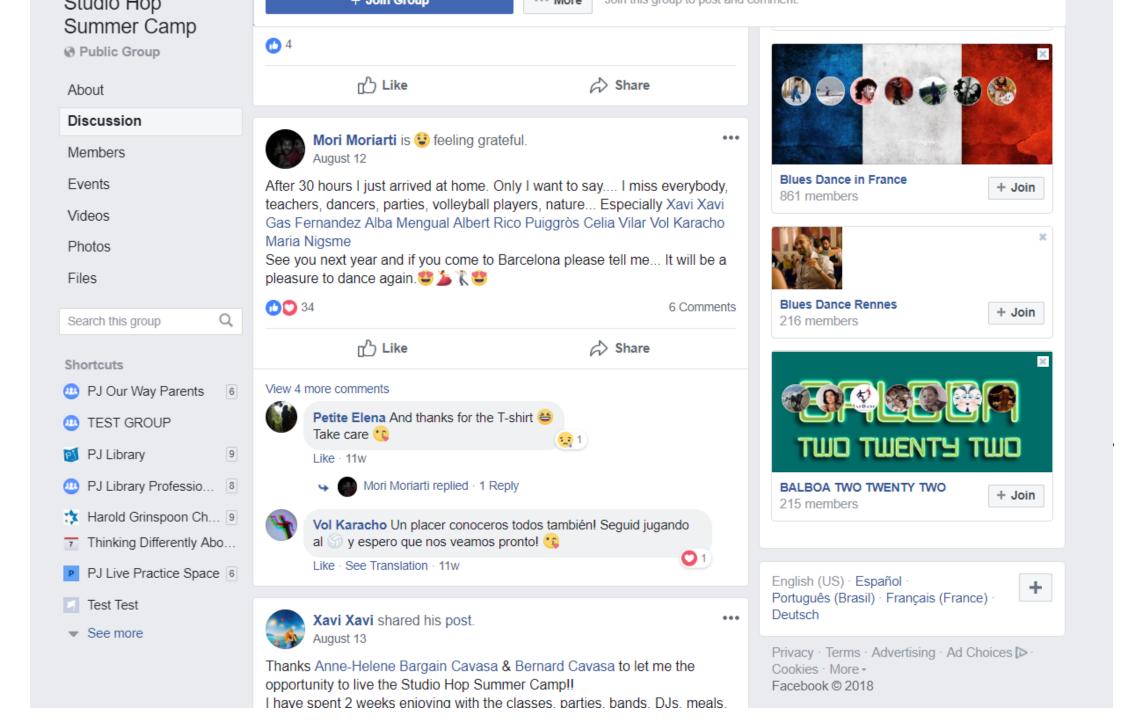


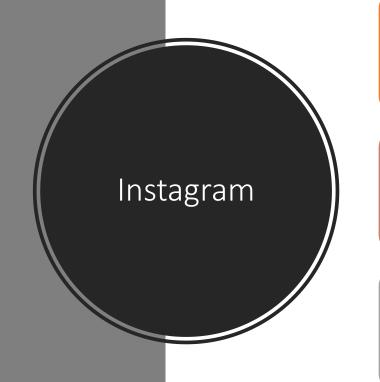
**Share packing lists** 



Let parents connect to help kids stay in touch, plan visits, etc...

Videos cannot be downloaded or shared outside of the group if it's set to CLOSED or SECRET





How many of you have a dedicated, public Instagram account for camp?

Do any of you also use a private Instagram account just for parents of campers?

Do you make use of Instagram stories?



## Can go LIVE on Facebook or Instagram

• https://live.fb.com/tips/

Easiest to do from a phone or mobile device with a strong connection

Can also use a MEVO camera/app

#### Facebook LIVE

• Parents can subscribe to LIVE notifications (and it's good to remind them to do so)





#### Step by Step:



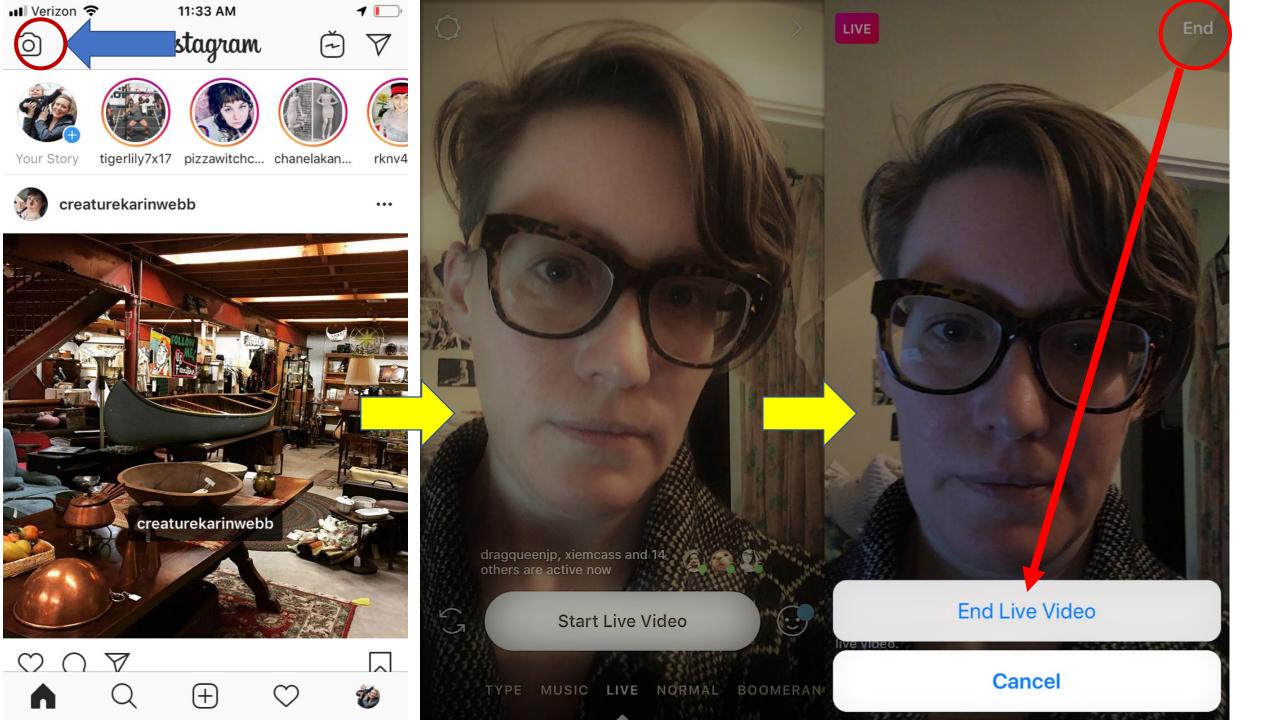
Tap the camera icon in the top left of the screen or swipe right from anywhere in your feed.

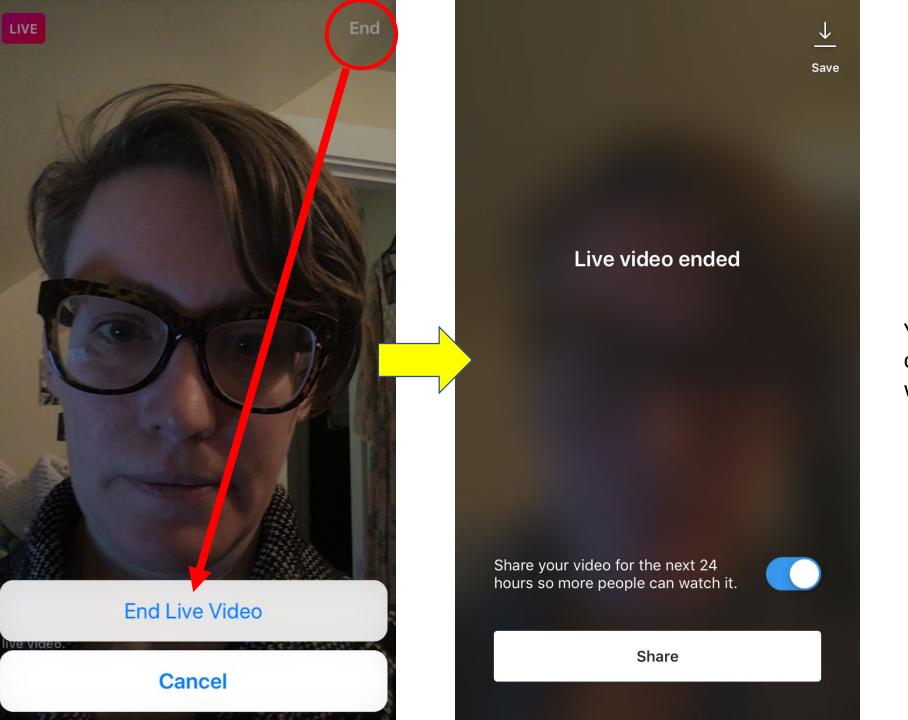


Tap **Live** at the bottom of the screen, then tap **Start Live Video**.



When you're done, tap **End** in the top right then tap to confirm. From there, you can tap **Save** in the top right to save it to your camera roll, or share it to your story.





You can save your video to your camera roll and reupload to your website, Facebook page, or group.



### Other Apps

- TikTok (includes Musical.ly)
- Ditty
- Snapchat
- Timelapse (on your phone)
- Boomerang

Although your campers may be using these apps with permission from their parents, please note that the minimum age in the Terms of Use for most of these is at least 13 – so older than the age of campers.



Livestreaming

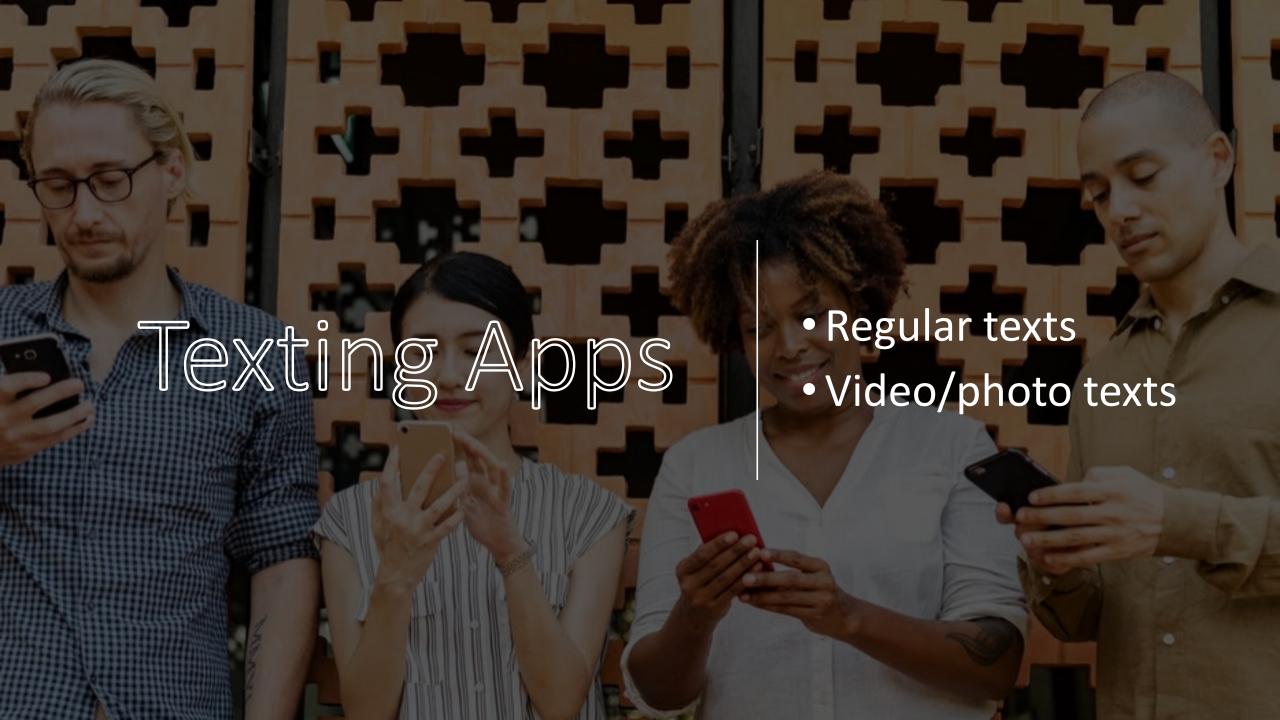
Vimeo.com

Livestream.com

Periscope

**Twitch** 

YouTube



#### Texting Apps

- Great for quick alerts and news updates during the season
- Excellent for quick registration/registration reminders







#### Summertime Ideas



Livestreaming special events (or clips of them)



Camper-gram takeovers with a camp-approved device



"Behind the scenes" looks at activities



Photo/Video streams for parents



**Photo Texting Services** 

## Year-Round Engagement

- Instagram takeovers
- Live tutorials
- Sharing traditions
- Text Reminders for Registration/Get-Togethers
- Facebook Group "Get-Togethers" & Watch Parties
- "Endless Summer" ideas
  - Where in the world is #Camp?
  - Fantasy football







alli@hgf.org