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Dear Parents of Boys Resident Campers,

Hello, my name is Dan Turkovich and I am the Boys' Resident Camp Director for Heinz House Camp. At age eleven, my first year at Heinz House Camp, I fell in love with camp and cannot imagine a summer without it in my life. During my fifteen years at Heinz House Camp, I have learned what it takes to become a leader and have met many people that will be close friends for years to come. I have worn many different hats during my time at camp. I started as a camper and as I grew older, I became a C.I.T., Counselor, Assistant Camp Director, and finally the Camp Director. This year, I am really looking forward to my seventh year as the Camp Director and I have many great, fun ideas in store for you!

My experiences and time at Heinz House Camp have sparked an interest and a love of working with children. In 2010, I graduated from Slippery Rock University with a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. After working in the Public School System for two years, I had the opportunity to take a larger role at Sarah Heinz House and being a former member, I jumped on the opportunity to work at the place that helped shape me into the man I am today.

This past year was my third as the Boys Program Director which runs our Boys' Club/Life Skills program. Because of this, I have been able to meet and build relationships with many more of our boy members! Just like my position entails during the program year, I strive to teach the boys how to become productive men in society. This continues each year at camp as we teach the boys healthy choices, physical fitness, independence, and teamwork.

I hope that you and your son are as excited as I am for this upcoming summer at Heinz House Camp! I am deeply committed to Heinz House Camp as well as Sarah Heinz House. As Camp Director, I and the staff will work hard to make camp the best place for the boys to Laugh, Learn, and Lead. I thank you for the opportunity to work with your child and I look forward to meeting and speaking with you at the **Parent and Camper Meeting on Tuesday, June 13th at 6 PM.** The campers will be able to pick their tent-mates and meet their counselors and the parents will be able to listen and discuss Camp with my Assistant Camp Director and I. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions/concerns before then, please do not hesitate to email me at Turkovich@sarahheinzhouse.com or call 412-231-2377.

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