Day 1 (Sunday)

After the kids get to know each other, tell them about behavior in the dining hall. Take turns going first and eating/cleaning (cherhovi). Hand sanitizer at entrance. Say DIAKUYU loudly to each individual kitchen server, or NI DIAKUYU. Teach them a simple smachnoho and diakuyu for dinner that night.

Vohnyk that evening is an “intro to tabir” theme (see Vohnyk # 1 file). There is a vohnyk bin labeled Lisovyk/Lisova Mavka, with the masks ane everything else that is needed.

Explain about prapory Nichnoyi Tyshi and Chystoty.

Confirm that the buffet and projector/screen are reserved for Wed, 7-9PM.

From shpytalyk: Get the list of kids that need to go for meds for either AM (breakfast) or PM (dinner).

Dennuy Zvit – you will need to submit one every morning, to Admin. Easiest to do this when you go down for breakfast.

Prepare a large paper bag for every camper – put their names on them. These will be used to hold their mastryvannya.

Day 2 (Monday)

You can always adjust Vidrkyttia Dnya to be before or after breakfast. We are totally flexible. The only real schedule we have is getting to the dining hall on time for all meals. Teach them Poyizd Chystoty and remind them what is really required to win the Nichna Tysha and Chystota flags. Show them how to properly make their beds and to put their shoes on strynko under the bed.

Tell kids to hang up their odnostoyi and all components, because they will wear them every day. Remind them to put on clean underwear each morning.

Teach another 1-2 smachnoho’s and diakuyu’s for lunch and dinner. We tend to get creative with these. We have a file for smachnoho and diakuyu’s.

Teach them what all the commands mean – Do Zvity Hlian, Pryamo Hlian, etc. Teach them Nastan Vidchysly (that’s how we count the kids at zbirka). Teach them pravo and livo ruch.

Afternoon craft is cat masks, that they will use at the vohnyk that night (see the Vohnyk # 2 file). Confirm that there is a large poster board with the “cat portrait”…if not, this needs to be created prior to the vohnyk. If you want to use masks for the story, they are in the Lisovyk/Lisova Mavka vohnyk bin.

When going into woods, these are required: closed shoes or sneakers, socks, long pants. They can use their bug spray outside the building only. Note that every time the kids change, it’s at least a 15 minute process. Teach them tick checks.

The spraying rule also applies to suntan lotion. After the pool, we let the kids play on the swing set. Then we eat our pidvechirok outside, under the tent, in swimsuits. This lets the kids dry some more (otherwise the floors in the barrack get all wet and they slip and fall). Someone will need to pick up pidvechirok in the kitchen during pool time. Tell kids to hang all wet stuff outside, and then actually go and fix what they did, so that there is at least hope that something will dry overnight. Tick checks are best done when they are changing into or out of bathing suits.

Vohnyk that night is a cat theme (see file Vohnyk # 2). Kids will have made masks during the day, that they can wear at vohnyk. Remember to collect the masks to put them into the kid’s craft bags.

Coordinate with yunachky or yunaky for an evening visit during the Vechirna Mandrivka, or Nichna Prohulka. Remind kids to use the same buddy system that they used in the pool. You can either go up to tabir yunachok on the wide path (which will not be really dark yet) or to tabir yunakiv on Ho Chi Min.

Day 3 (Tuesday)

Remind them of everything again. More smachnoho’s and diakyu’s. They should be starting to get the hang of the routine.

Afternoon craft is flowers for the kitchen ladies, that you will give to them on Wednesday. The Congo-line diakuyu is good for this, so kids can present their flowers as they congo their way out the door.

Plan the driving for the prohulka. You may need additional drivers from Vovcha. Try to trade our Wed pool time for more time another day.

Evening is a Vechirna Mandrivka, or Nichna Prohulka. Kids take their flashlights into the woods. You may want to feed the kids a “midnight snack” before bedtime (under the tent in back, by flashlight).

Day 4 (Wednesday)

Do the official tabir photos in front of the Vovcha Tropa sign. Spend some extra time with the kids to ensure that their hair is combed, xystky are on properly, shirts are tucked in, etc.

Check in the AM that the projector and speakers work with the laptop that is used to show the evening movie.

Start thinking of nicknames for the kids (they have to be nice or funny, nothing mean). Every kid needs to have a nickname for the last vohnyk on Friday night.

Pick up pidvechirok at lunchtime. Pick up prohulka paperwork from shpytalyk. Check the prohulka checklist to confirm that you packed everything.

Plan on popcorn for the movie (there is a microwave in the buffet).

Day 5 (Тhursday)

Complete the Opiniya Bulavnoho forms with all bulavni.

Have the campers complete their Form Letter to Home (Лист до мами) and either mail them or put them into their craft bags.

Vohnyk this night is the Indian theme (see Vohnyk # 3 file). There is a vohnyk bin labeled Indiany, that has some costumes and props.

Kids nicknames should be pretty much completed.

Day 6 (Friday)

Prepare the posvidky for campers. Prepare the Community Service Hours for bulava.

Vohnyk this night is the last one (Vohnyk # 4 file). Need to have marshmallows and sticks.

In general:

Watch what they eat. A lot of times, the kitchen ladies will have pasta available. If not, then you can always ask for a “midnight snack” for our tabir, hot dogs. They can be nuked in our microwave, or heated on sticks during a vohnyk. Kids always think this is a special treat. Same for dirt and worms.

Plan the crafts so that if they are preparing something for vohnyk, there is time for the stuff to dry. Remember to make flowers for the ladies in the kitchen.

Watch for missing teeth. Save any lost teeth to give to parents upon pick-up. The tooth fairy gives all kids something when one loses a tooth…the one child may get 3-4 dum-dums, but everyone else gets one also.

Take lots of photos. When uploading a few each night, or giving them to OTK for the Vovcha site, make sure that kids are evenly represented.