

NEVER START COMMON EMAILS FROM SCRATCH AGAIN.

We all spend an enormous amount of time drafting emails, staring at that blinking cursor with temporary writer's block, whether we've addressed this issue dozens of times or it's a completely new topic. Or who hasn't dashed off a reply on the fly and later wish we'd said it differently or corrected those errors?

Time-crunched directors can benefit by pre-writing emails when you're thinking clearly and not under pressure, and have them handy for those stress-filled, busy days when it's hard to be creative or clear.

Scan through our handbook of emails you use – or never thought to use – to customize and compile your own arsenal of quick and easy email starters for just about every topic you need.



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BEFORE CAMP

Emails for pre-season or session ramp-up.

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FIRST CAMP SESSION

Your third or even eighth session is someone's first week of camp. Help them feel welcomed and prepared before their arrival by acknowledging that. Build that anticipation by letting them know what fun is in store, and arm them with some practical info, too – like last-minute reminders and checklists.

Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Incoming Campers
When to Send	1 week before each session starts

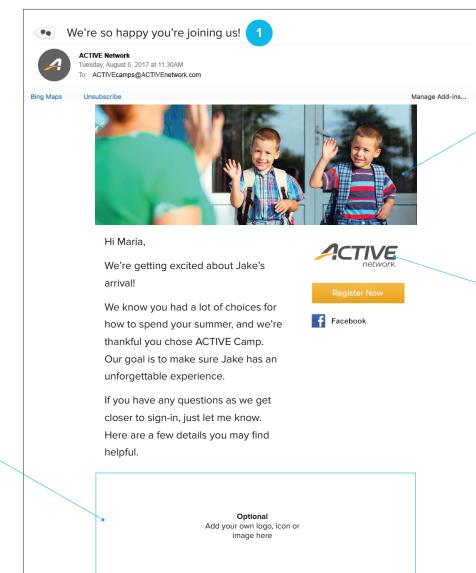


Subject Line Starters

- + We're so happy you're joining us!
- + Welcome to your first week at [Camp Name]!
- + Now that you're about to be here, we can get this party started!

Tips

+ To minimize calls for easily accessible details, you may want to include links to packing lists, sign-in day information, schedules, maps, etc.



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CART ABANDONMENT

Cart abandonment occurs surprisingly often, usually due to surprise costs, too many fields or irritating tech issues. An automated email that reminds them to return could make a big difference if they were just interrupted.

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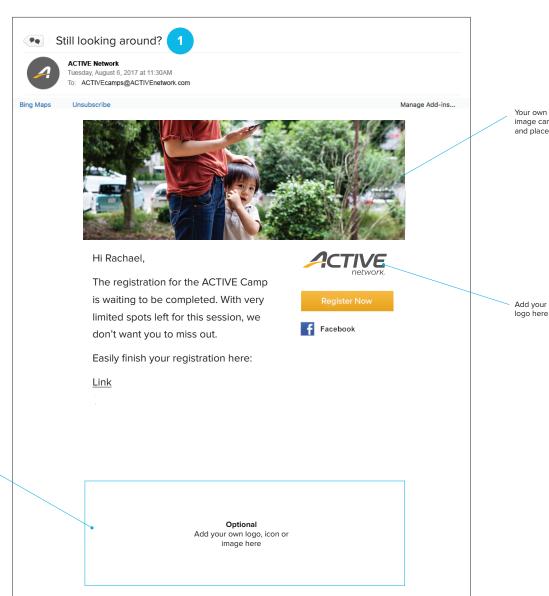
Email Type	Triggered
Who to Send to	Anyone who starts but does not complete a registration or merchandise form
When to Send	24 hours after abandonment



- + Still looking around?
- + Did you forget something?
- + How can we help you with your registration?

Tips

- + Keep it simple and remind them of what they're about to give up by not completing their registration
- + Offer incentives
- + Make it easy: Provide links for them to finish their registration



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EARLY BIRD/PRE-REGISTRATION

Early bird notifications are designed to create urgency and help you with planning and revenue flow. Some families plan their calendar a year or more in advance, so don't be afraid to set up and promote your season as early as the end of the last season to take advantage of both camp fever and in-person contact with parents.

Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Prospects
When to Send	As early as end of previous season or at least 6 months in advance

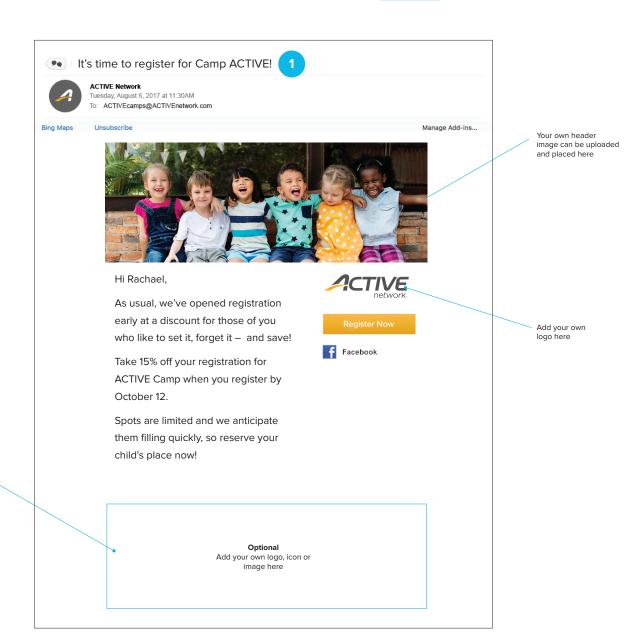


- + It's time to register for [Camp Name]!
- + Early bird registration now open: Reserve your spot!

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Tips

- + Include the total cost after discount.
- + Add a former participant's testimonial.
- + Include a direct link to registration and social sharing buttons so they can tell their friends about their decision.



CAMP ALUMNI EARLY BIRD/ PRE-REGISTRATION

Don't treat your returners like your prospects. Create a separate early bird email that shows camp alum they're special and you value their business. They'll be even more excited if you share what's new and different this summer.

Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Former Registrants
When to Send	As early as end of previous season or at least 6 months in advance



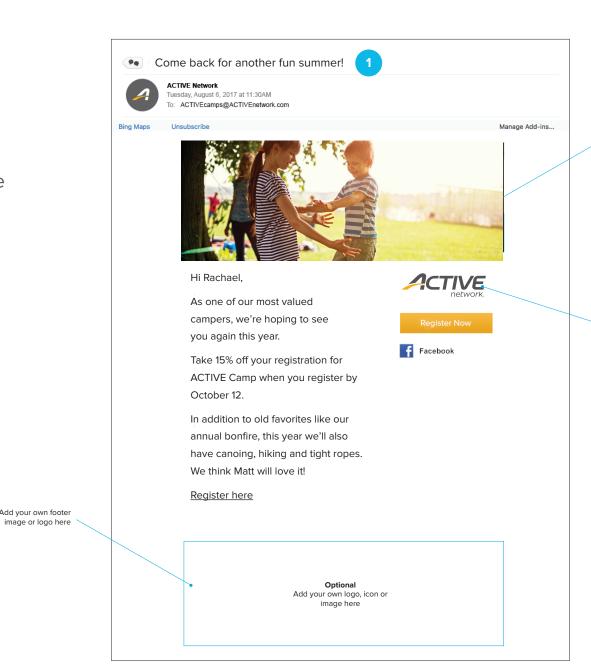
- + Come back for another fun summer!
- + Camp is better when you're here!

Tips

- + Include the total cost after discount.
- + Add a favorite memory.
- + Include a direct link to registration and social sharing buttons.

To learn more about creating loyalty:

Spring Fling or Summer Romance



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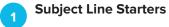
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THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING

Set up your completed registration confirmation to send automatically. Provide all the specific camp details they'll need in order to reduce calls for more information.

Email Type	Triggered
Who to Send to	Registrants
When to Send	Upon registration completion



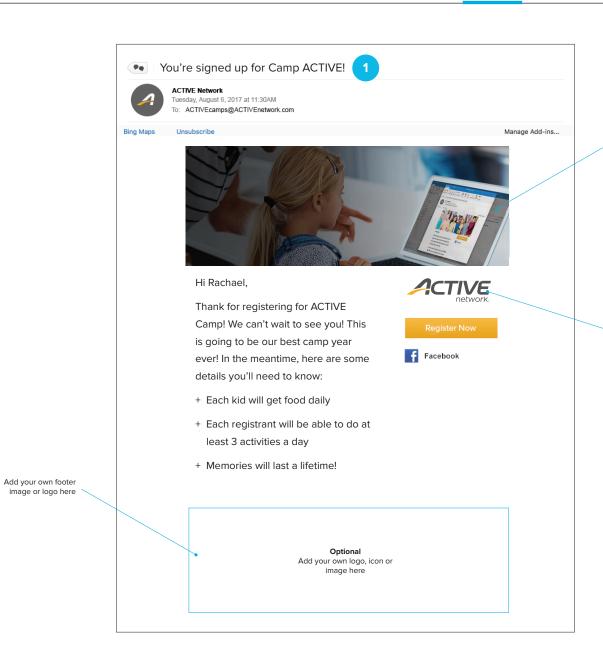
+ You're signed up for [Camp Session]!

Tips

+ Add social links with text that says, "Let your friends know your plans!"

Learn more about effective registration:

Camp Registration Forms That Work



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GEAR UP FOR CAMP: MERCHANDISING

Selling camp gear is a great way to increase revenue. While parents may have seen merchandise at registration, they may not have been able to afford registration AND all the gear they were interested in at the same time. Give them another shot right before camp.

Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Registrants
When to Send	2 weeks prior to session

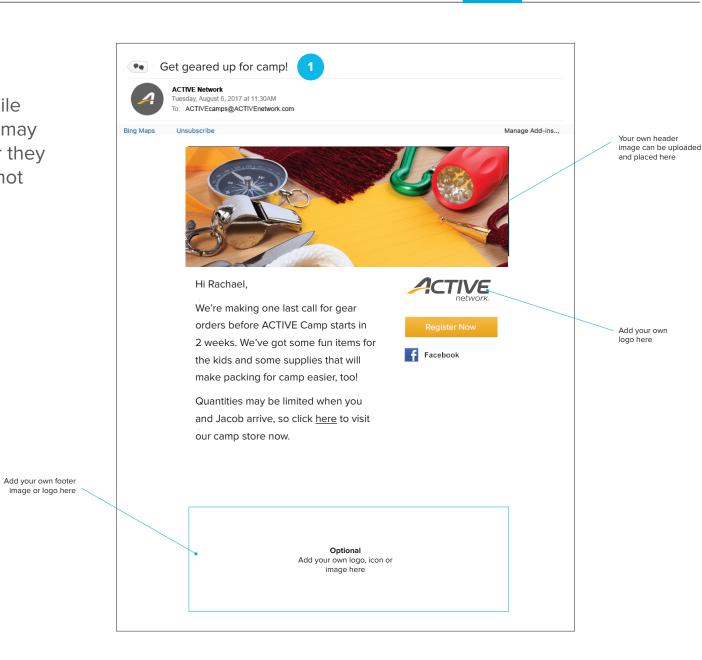


Subject Line Starters

- + Get geared up for camp!
- + New items now available in our camp store!
- + Don't miss out on the camp gear kids love!

Learn more about merchandising:

10 Merchandising Tips for Crushing Revenue Limitations Merchandising Featurette Video



NEW SESSIONS ADDED NOTIFICATION

If you're adding new sessions, congratulations! Not only will you need to let those individuals know who have requested new sessions, you'll want to fill them to the brim by letting anyone who is not already registered know about the additional capacity.

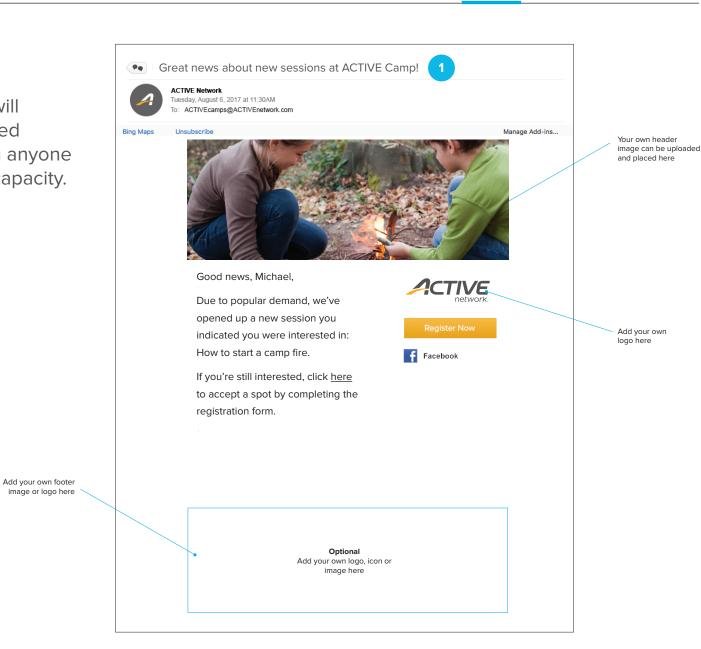
Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	Waitlisters/Former registrants/Prospects
When to Send	Ad hoc



- + Great news about new sessions at [Camp ____]!
- + Your patience has been rewarded! We made room for [Child's Name] at [Camp ____]
- + We've added new sessions!

Tips

- + If customer has already registered, you can just say, "reply to this email and we'll confirm your spot."
- + Don't forget to add a button linking to the registration form.
- + Include a deadline so that you can move to the next person on the waitlist if your first recipients aren't interested.



LATE REGISTRATION: OPENINGS AND PRICING NOTIFICATION

It never hurts to make one last attempt to let prospects and former registrants know there's still time to sign up. You could charge a bit more for late registrations but if you really want to fill those spots, a BOGO or other discount could move someone who's on the fence.

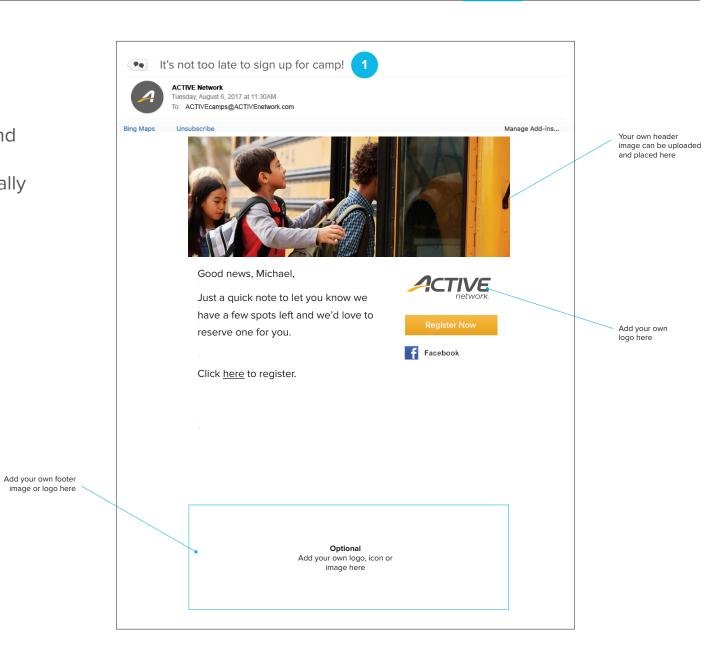
Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Former registrants/Prospects
When to Send	2 weeks prior to session up to day before. (Nearly 80% of millennials don't register earlier than 3 months out).



+ It's not too late to sign up for camp!

Tips

+ Add a testimonial or a plug for the value of your camp for those who are sitting on the fence.



REMINDER TO COMPLETE FOLLOW-UP **FORMS/RETURN WAIVERS**

If you don't have an automated method of collecting waivers at check-in, you'll need to send out reminders as often as needed to make sure you get them all back.

Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Registrants
When to Send	As needed up to day before session start



- + Oops! Have you forgotten [Child's Name] waivers for camp?
- + Reminder: We need [Child's Name] waivers for camp!
- + Urgent Reminder: We need [Child's Name] waivers for camp!

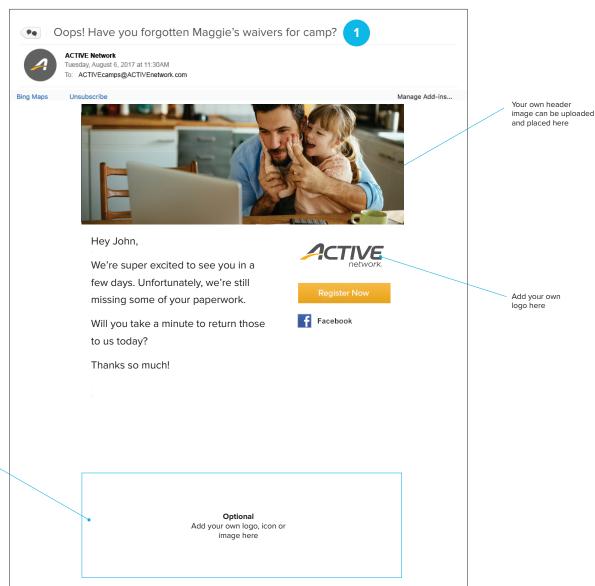
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Tips

- + Add in how easy it is to complete the paperwork electronically.
- + Include a link, if your management software has that feature.

To learn more about follow-up forms and return waivers, additional resources can be found here:

Supplemental Forms Featurette Video



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING **ACCEPTED**

Send your call for scholarship applicants not only to individuals but to organizations like local schools and churches.

Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Former registrants Former scholarship recipients Local schools, churches and charitable organizations
When to Send	Up to 6 months before to 1 month before season starts / Ad hoc



- + Do you know a child who'd like to go to camp, but can't afford it?
- + We're accepting scholarship applications now for [Year/Camp Name or Session]!
- + We'd love to see you at [Camp Name] again in [Year].

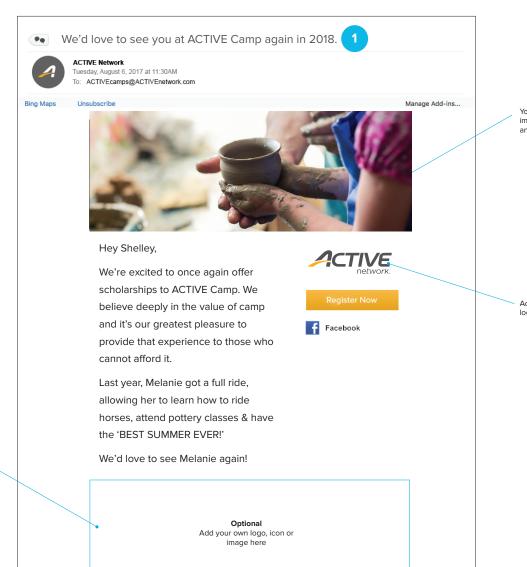
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Tips

+ You'll want to create 3 versions of this email based on recipient category, because they'll all be distinctly different.

To learn more about scholarships:

Attracting Diversity With Scholarships



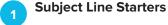
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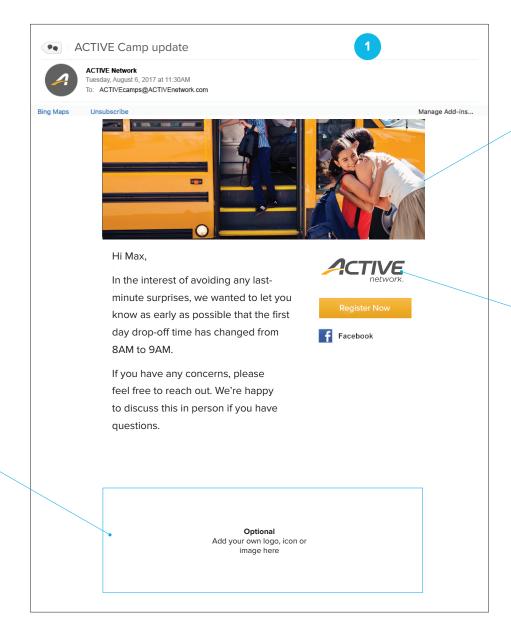
SESSION CHANGE NOTIFICATION

Most kids have trouble with last-minute changes, sometimes even if the change is positive. Let parents know of any session changes that will impact them or their kids as soon as you can before they arrive at camp.

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	Registrants / Former registrants
When to Send	Ad hoc



- + [Camp Name] update
- + News about your camp session
- + Just wanted to let you know about a change to your session



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WAITLISTERS: "YOU'VE BEEN ADDED TO THE SESSION"

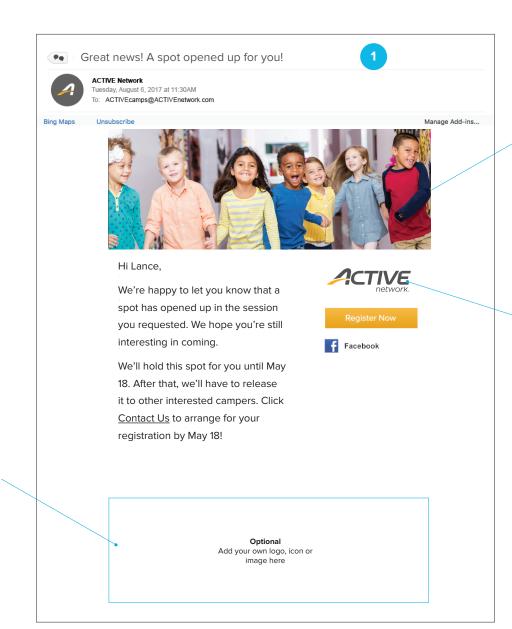
Waitlisted participants may not have waited around in hopes of a spot. Get back to them the minute there's an opening, instructing them on how to confirm acceptance of their spot. You may have to send several of these to find someone still available, so your email template will come in handy!

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	Waitlisted participants
When to Send	Ad hoc



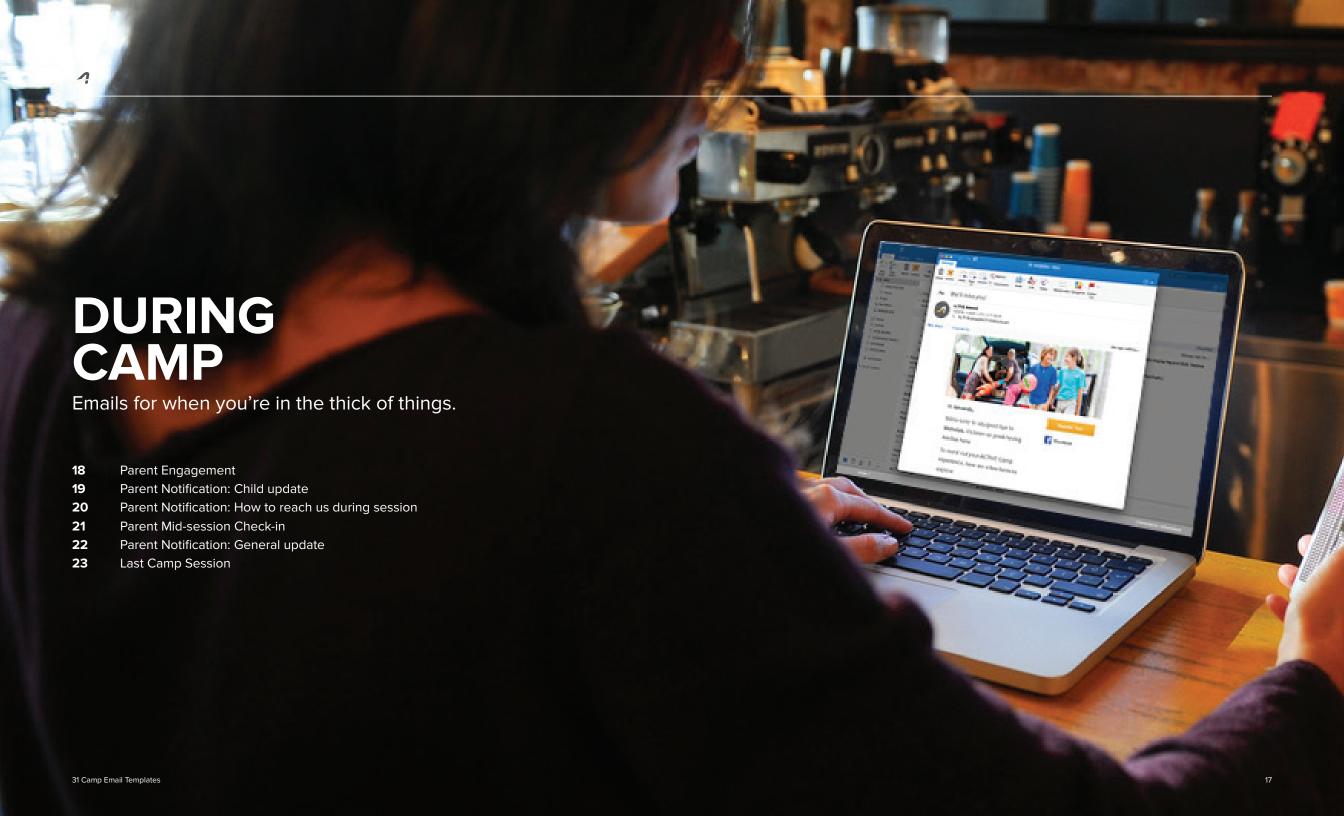
- + Great news! A spot opened up for you!
- + No more waiting! The session you requested has an opening!

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PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Create a more memorable experience for the entire family and help parents with that almost universal experience: Asking "How was your day?" only to receive a shrug. Provide parents with enrichment questions, talking points about what kids are learning this week or even just an agenda of their child's day to help them initiate great conversations.

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	Parent of current participant
When to Send	Ad hoc / daily



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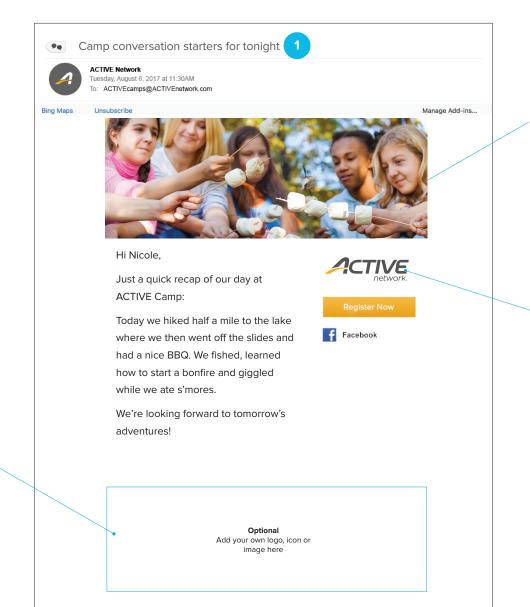
- + Your [Camp Name] Daily Dish
- + Camp conversation starters for tonight

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Tips

- + Keep this as a simple email or make it into an abbreviated newsletter style.
- + This is a great place to send reminders about tomorrow (Swim day! Bring your suits!)



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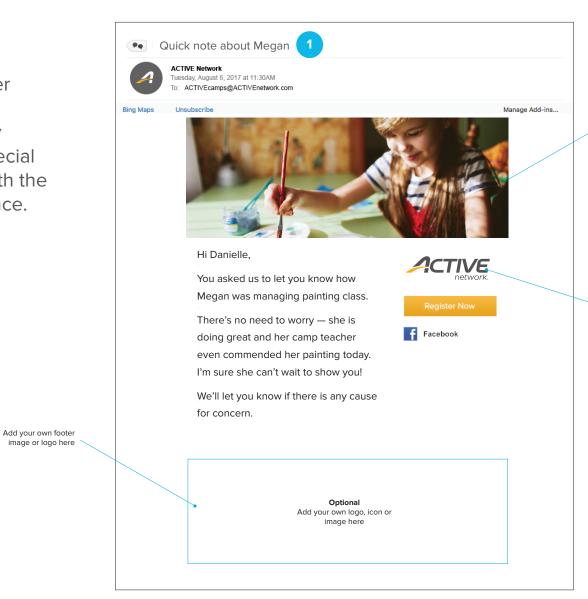
PARENT NOTIFICATION: CHILD UPDATE

The parent experience is often as important as the camper experience and increasingly a part of the camp director's job. While it's best not to advertise that you will frequently update parents about a child's welfare, if the child has special situations that you'll be monitoring anyway, it may be worth the extra effort to reassure parents on an agreed-upon cadence.

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	Specific parent
When to Send	Ad hoc



- + Your requested update about [Child's Name]
- + Quick note about [Child's Name]



PARENT NOTIFICATION HOW TO REACH US DURING SESSION

It can be hard for parents to let go during camp. Even if it's impossible to manage every concern and desire for contact, set expectations and provide information to reach you in an emergency. Or, if you have a daily recap of events or a photo gallery, this email could reduce their anxiety.

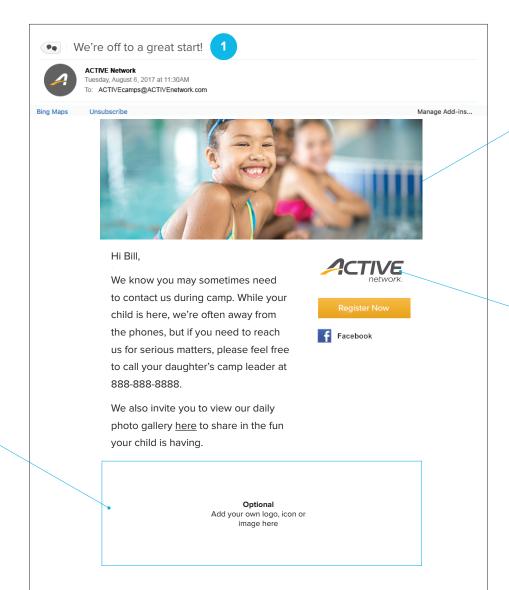
Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Registrants
When to Send	First Day



- + We're off to a great start!
- + How to stay in touch this week
- + First day camp information for you!

Tips

+ Customize to your personal protocols, including discouragement of speaking with their child.



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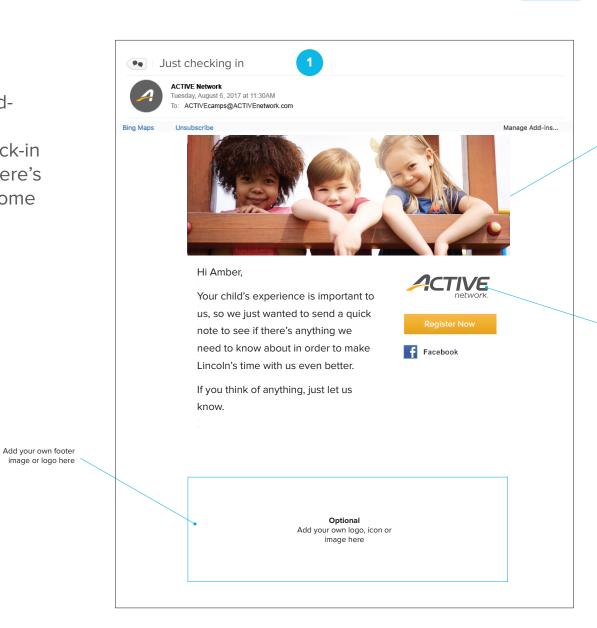
PARENT MID-SESSION CHECK-IN

Offer parents the opportunity to give you mid-week or midsession feedback. While it's definitely important to survey customers at the end of their experience, a mid-point check-in allows you to correct poor customer experiences while there's still time. You'll retain more customers and probably get some of your best testimonials to boot!

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	All participants in attendance
When to Send	Ad hoc



- + Just checking in
- + How's everything going this week?



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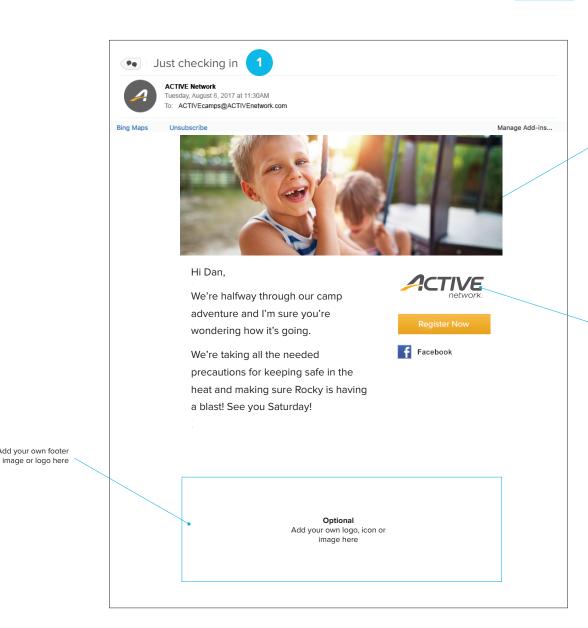
PARENT NOTIFICATION: GENERAL UPDATE

From time to time you may need to send a general update, specific to something like the weather/heat or just a mid-session "everything's-going-great" message.

Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Registrants
When to Send	Mid-Session



- + Just checking in
- + The rain won't stop us today!
- + Forecast: 167 bottles of water expected to be drank today



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LAST CAMP SESSION

If you have multiple sessions, create a 'Thank You' touchpoint after a family's last week of camp. Above all, the message should make that family feel recognized and valued, and leave a lasting, positive impression of their experience with you.

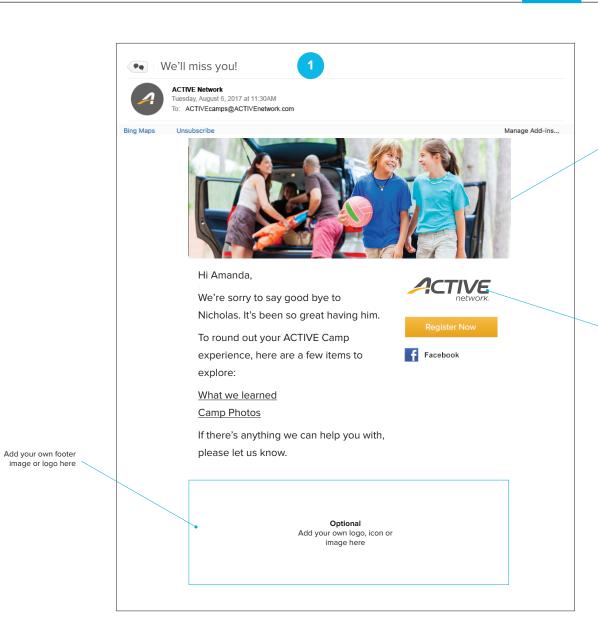
Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	Registrants
When to Send	Within 2 days of end of session



- + Thanks for joining us this year!
- + We'll miss you!
- + Hope to see you next year!

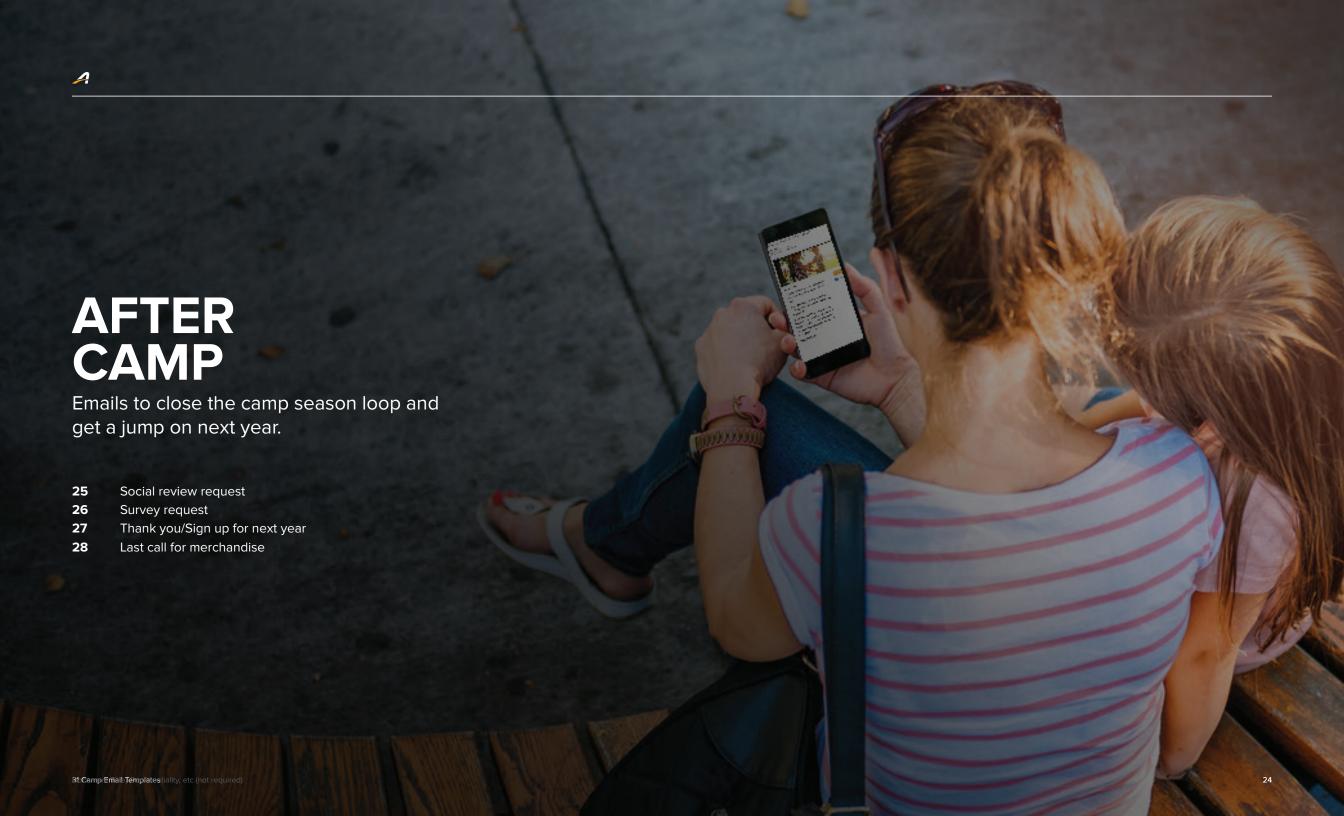
Tips

- + Your note can include an invitation to sign up for upcoming sessions.
- + Include a link to complete a survey.
- + A link to a camp 'highlight reel' and lessons learned at camp is a nice touch.



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SOCIAL REVIEW REQUEST

Aside from personal recommendations, parents count online reviews among the most compelling factors when choosing activities for their kids. Make it a point to ask for social reviews following a positive customer service interaction.

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	All Session Participants
When to Send	Up to 2 weeks after session



- + You have the power to make a better experience
- + Help us help you

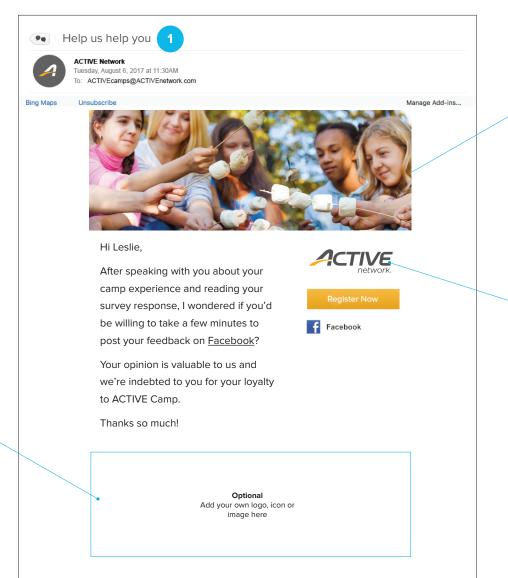
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Tip

+ DON'T send out a mass email requesting reviews or set up a computer at your location for parents to complete reviews. Multiple reviews at once coming from the same IP address raise red flags for review sites like Google and Yelp.

To learn more about social review requests:

How to Build a Raving Fan Base



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SURVEY REQUEST

Surveys help you learn something you don't already know or validate a theory you have. They can also build loyalty if recipients believe you really care.

Email Type	Triggered
Who to Send to	All Session Participants
When to Send	Up to 2 weeks after session



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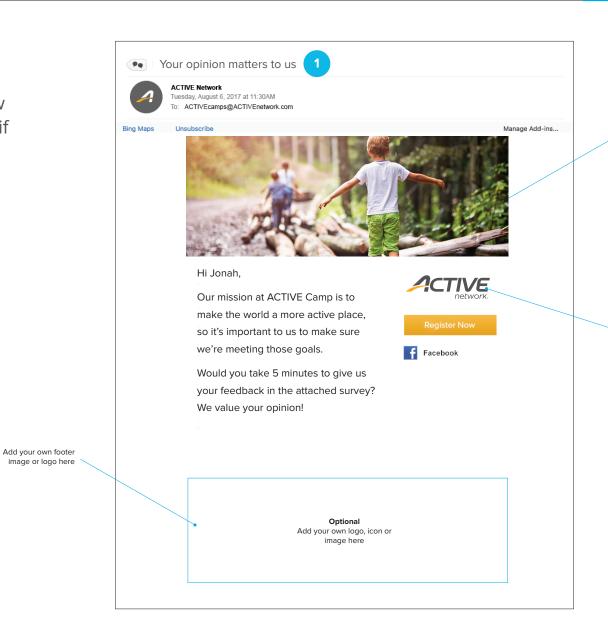
- + Your opinion matters to us
- + Quick request for your opinion

Tips

- + Be sure to keep your survey short and sweet. Ask only 1-5 questions so you can keep the response time to a minute or so, unless you're offering an incentive.
- + Never send a survey to a customer you know is unhappy communicate personally with those individuals.

To learn more about surveys:

The 2 Most Important Questions to Ask your Participants Parents



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THANK YOU/SIGN UP FOR NEXT YEAR

Closing the loop on an experience is vital to sealing the customer's overall memory of that experience. You absolutely must send an email post-camp within days in order to leave a 100% positive impression.

Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	All Session Participants
When to Send	Up to 2 weeks after session



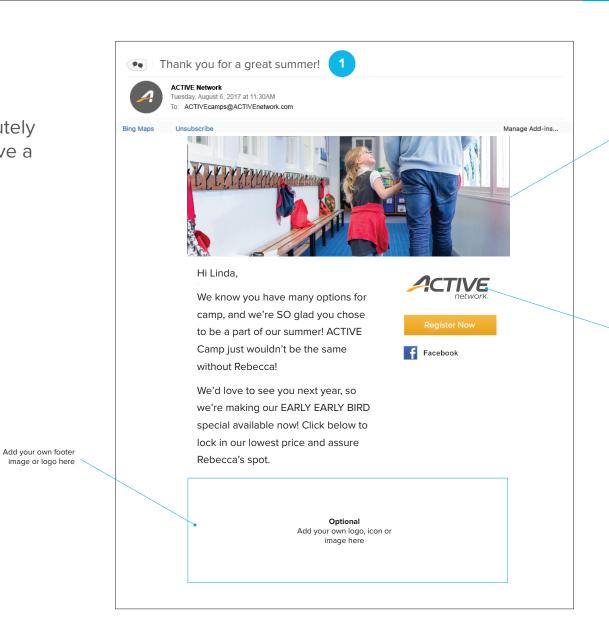
- + Thank you for a great summer!
- + See you next year!

Tips

+ Capitalize on the camp afterglow by offering your early bird special for next year here.

Learn more about end of season communication:

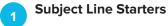
Now That Your Camp is Over, Customer Feedback is Your Top Priority
Your #1 Priority After the Last Guest Rides Away
Spring Fling or Summer Romance



LAST CALL FOR MERCHANDISE

Kids who didn't purchase gear may wish they had when they see the great merchandise their fellow campers bought. Give parents one last opportunity to buy gear post-session and reduce this year's inventory at the same time.

Email Type	Scheduled
Who to Send to	All Session Participants
When to Send	Up to 2 weeks after session



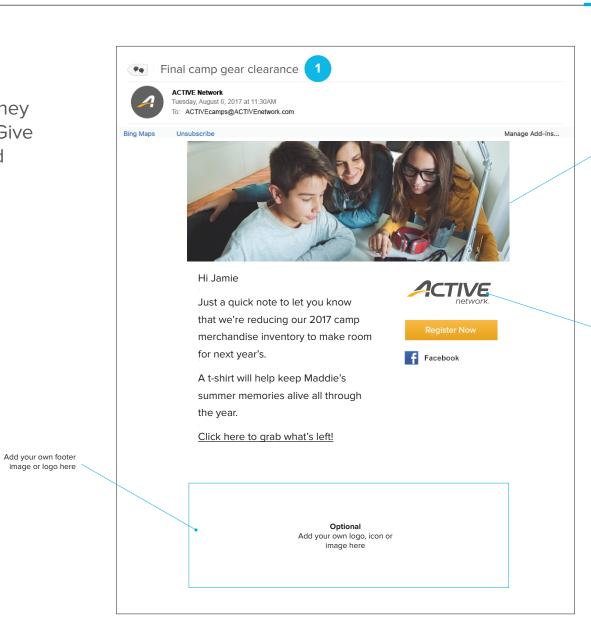
- + Last chance at [year] gear!
- + Don't miss this sale!

Tips

+ Put on your salesman's cap and give them all your best reasons to pick up some gear: cherished memories, gift-giving, great deals, sharing what was most popular.

Learn more about merchandising:

10 Merchandising Tips for Crushing Revenue Limitations Merchandising Featurette Video



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CAMPER BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS

Segmenting your list to trigger a specific email on a specific date means connecting thoughtfully without extra work on your part. Kids and parents alike will love the special attention, and you'll keep your programs top of mind in a non-obtrusive way.

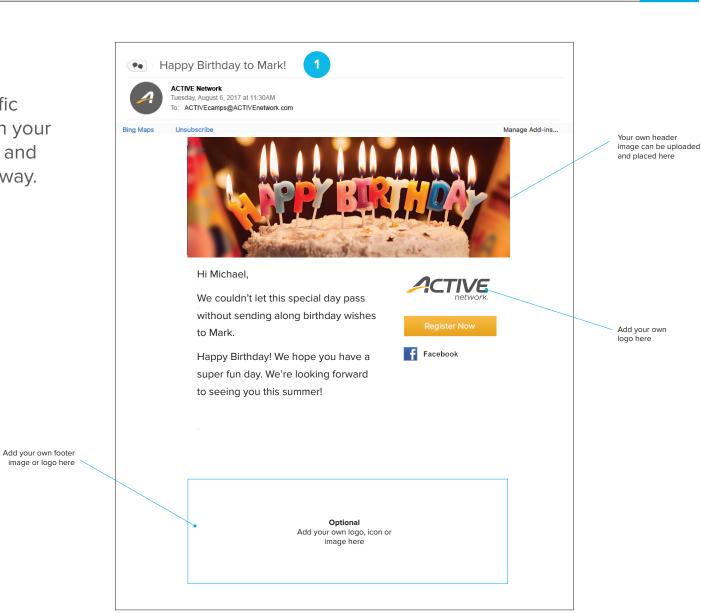
Email Type	Triggered by date
Who to Send to	Segment for birthdays / Entire database
When to Send	On birthday / holiday



- + Happy birthday to [Child's Name]!
- + Happy [Holiday/BlackFriday/Cyber Monday]!

Tips

- + Add a fun GIF (animated image) or graphic.
- + Consider a gift mom or dad will appreciate, such as a discount on registration or gear (with an expiration date to create urgency).
- + Create one of these for all the major holidays, major shopping days and even goofy days like "Talk like a pirate day" or "National Doughnut Day."
- + Adjust your subject line and email copy as needed, use humor, and don't mention your program.



CALL FOR CUSTOMER TESTIMONIALS

While you may have collected some great quotes from your survey, a request for a customer testimonial in the off-season may reignite fond memories of camp.

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	All session participants
When to Send	2 weeks after session or mid off-season

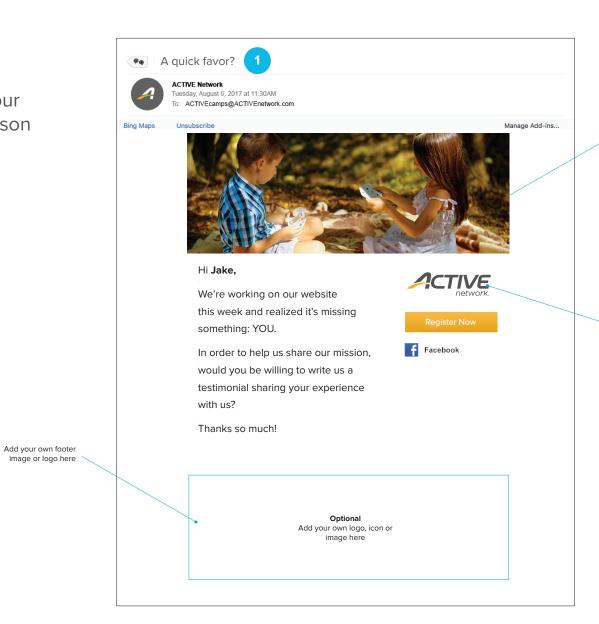


Subject Line Starters

- + A quick favor
- + Your opinion matters to us

Tips

- + If you're only asking for an excerpt of their feedback for your website, include the portion you're interested in.
- + You might also request a video testimonial and include directions on how to submit one.



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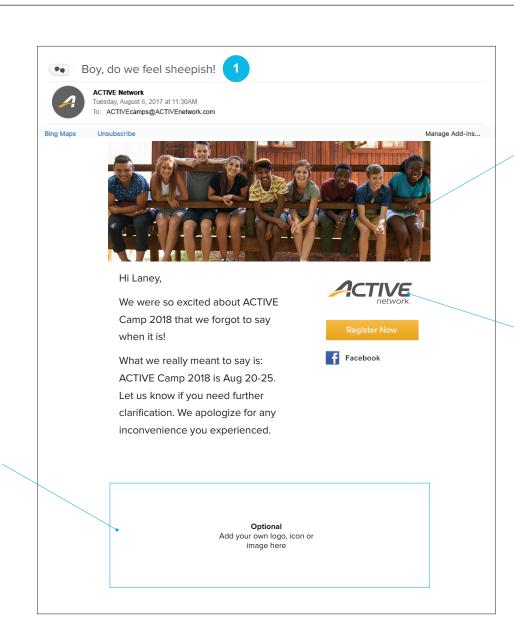
OOPS!

Everybody makes mistakes! If you discover a critical error in a sent email or registration form, you'll need to quickly clarify. Humor helps make the error less embarrassing.

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	Recipients of any email that needs to be updated
When to Send	Ad hoc



- + Oops! Update to our [Last/Name] of email
- + Boy, do we feel sheepish!



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NEWS AND INFORMATION

Some camp news is short and can't wait, and you'll want to share it immediately in an email. Other times, you have something to share that may seem too long for an email. That's the perfect time to put your content on your blog and email the invitation to read it.

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	Enter database
When to Send	Ad hoc



+ Guess what?!

+ New blogpost live: [Title of Post]

+ Great news!

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• Guess what?! **ACTIVE Network** Tuesday, August 6, 2017 at 11:30AM To: ACTIVEcamps@ACTIVEnetwork.com Manage Add-ins... Bing Maps Unsubscribe Hi Karen, **ACTIVE** Just a quick note to let you know that we have posted a new blog post detailing everything that happened at camp this past year. Facebook We're sharing this as a tool for you (and your kids) to share and post to social media to get the word out about **ACTIVE Camp!** If you have questions, feel free to contact us!

> Optional Add your own logo, icon or

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Tips

+ Be sure to include why it's so important or why you think they'll find it interesting, along with required action steps.

RESPOND TO NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

It's never easy to hear negative feedback, but to grow and improve the quality of our businesses, we need to know what isn't optimal. Typically only about 5% of unhappy customers bother to reach out. If you think about it, their complaints are a gift, so respond accordingly!

Email Type	Manual
Who to Send to	Reply to
When to Send	Ad hoc

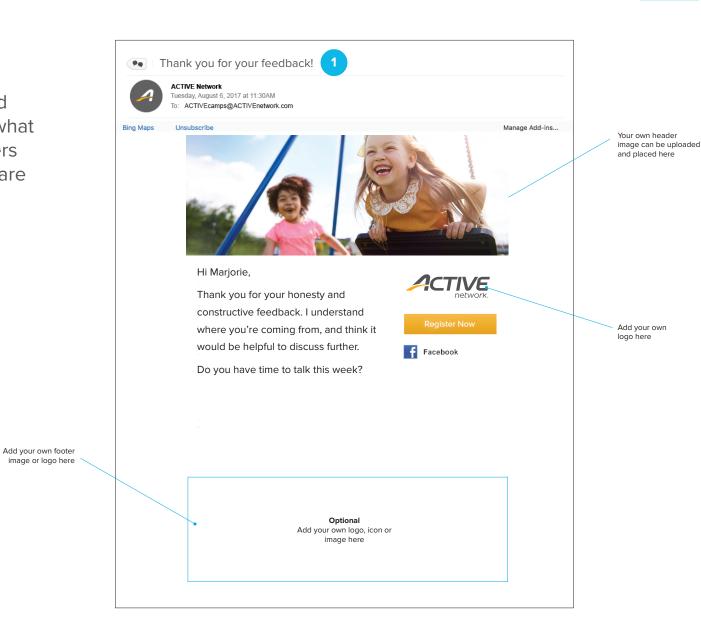


- + Thank you for your feedback
- + Can we talk about your experience?

Tips

+ Determine the course of action you'll take to validate the feedback before you respond.

To learn more about responding to negative feedback: How to Respond to Negative Social Media Comments



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RESPOND TO POSITIVE FEEDBACK

Everybody loves kudos! Respond with enthusiasm and thank them for taking the time to write. Don't miss this opportunity to ask for permission to use their praise on your website.

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When to Send	Ad hoc

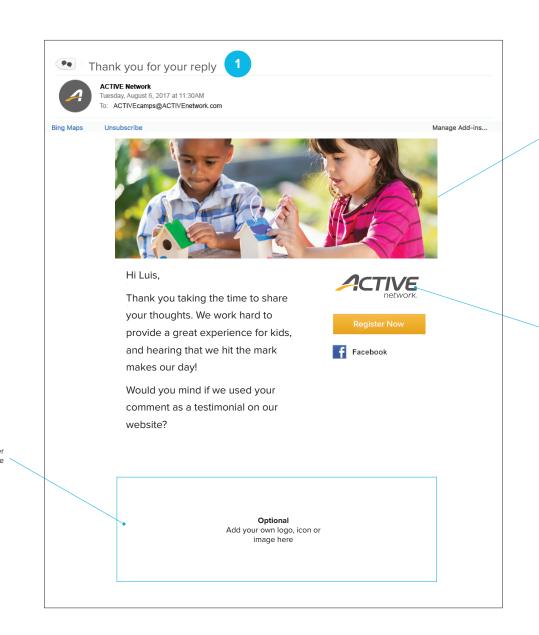


- + Thank you for your feedback
- + We're thrilled when you're thrilled!

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Tips

+ If you're only asking for an excerpt of their feedback for your website, include the portion you're interested in.



SHARE COMMONLY REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS

Whether it's technical registration questions, FAQs about your camp (that could easily be found on your website) or policies about communication with their children during camp or the use of cell phones, write it once, then pull from it whenever the topic comes up again.

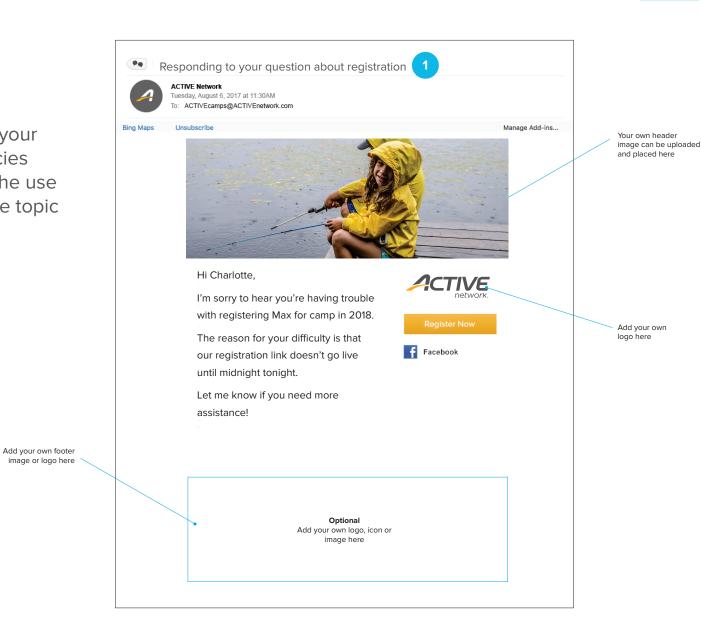
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+ Responding to your question about [Insert Question]

Tips

+ You'll want to create one of these for all of your most frequently asked questions.



POLITELY DECLINE REQUESTS FOR YOUR HELP

If you have too much on your plate to grant the request, a concise and honest email that offers alternatives can remove the struggle with wording a 'no'.

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Subject Line Starters
+ Re: [Subject]

Re: Need your help **ACTIVE Network** Tuesday, August 6, 2017 at 11:30AM To: ACTIVEcamps@ACTIVEnetwork.com Manage Add-ins... Bing Maps Unsubscribe Hi Andrew, **ACTIVE** Thanks for thinking of me for this project. Unfortunately, my schedule is jam-packed right now. Facebook I have a co-worker who has helped out with similar tasks in the past. I'd be happy to reach out to her and see if she has time to work on this. How does that sound? Optional Add your own logo, icon or image here

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ASK FOR A FAVOR

Everybody needs help now and then. Maybe you're asking for scholarship donations for next year or a specific scholarship need this year. Perhaps you're seeking camp management or expansion advice. It's always easier to start with a few words already on the page.

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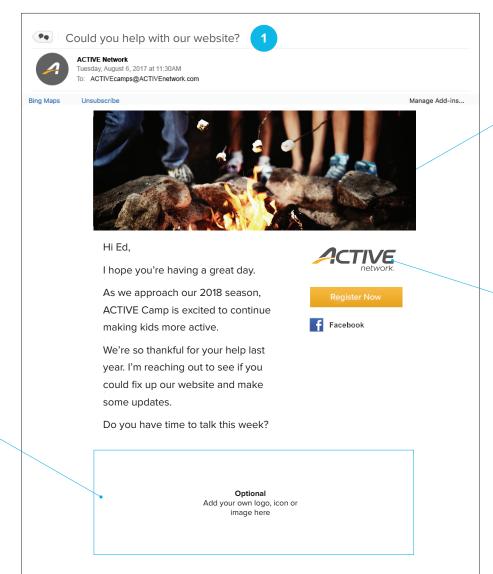
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+ Need your help: [Type of Help Requested]

Tips

- + These are best handled in person, but if you MUST use an email, start with a personal reference.
- + Customize to include gratitude for previous help you've received, along with exact nature of your request.



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