

# Mosaic Mythology:

## *From Fairies to Future People*

The following is based, in part, on what has been set up as part of the curriculum and, in part, on what just happened to evolve over many years as the students and staff experienced a little Mosaic magic. I'm sure we'll have plenty of new facts and stories to add this year, but the details below will help us to all start on the same page. Our consistency will help everyone to suspend disbelief. Please remember that none of this should be used to scare the students, ever. Rather, it should be exciting, fun, a bit mysterious, and, of course, magical.

**The Future People:** The Future People are the descendants of a few staff people (a great great great great great, etc. granddaughter). They happen to look exactly like their ancestors. They just dress and behave differently. (They do NOT wear the Mosaic wristbands!)

- Until the Future People show up the first morning, we, the staff/cabin leaders, have no idea who they are. We are even more surprised than the kids to see them.
- One Law of the Universe states that Future People cannot be in same place as their descendants at the same time.
- In addition to introducing the theme of each day and providing structure to the curriculum, the Future People help us to convey, in a very literal way, the idea that kids have the power to change the future. Hence, the idea is NOT that the kids learn the lessons of the day and teach the Future People, but rather that they pass on what they have learned to others in their own present communities. If they pass on what they have learned to their own descendants, family, and friends, then maybe when the Future People return to the future, it won't look so bleak. Our students will have helped to change it.

**Fairy Trivia:** Small fairies have been spotted along the Redwood Tree Spirit trail. The dragonflies and ladybugs flying around the field might be magical too. A larger fairy loses their magic stones and students help find them. Staff who don't believe in magic yet are frozen when the fairy arrives. We work together to get staff to believe in magic throughout the week, and hopefully the fairy will invite friends to visit us. A magical creature called an Ashcow might be related to this fairy, or it might be its own mystical being – we just don't know!

**The Redwood Tree Spirit:**

- While all the activities we do on Day 3 were planned, the visit to the Redwood Tree Spirit was not because the staff didn't know about it until the Future People's visit that morning. None of the other groups in the other sessions did the hike to the Redwood Tree Spirit because we did not know about it.
- None of us had ever noticed the trail up to the Redwood Tree Spirit before Day 3, even though many of us have explored the site a lot. (Do NOT take your students on this trail before Day 3!!!)
- We have no idea who made the signs or maps leading to the Redwood Tree Spirit.

**The Fairy Bell:**

- The fairy bell will be found the first day of each session. That is the very first time we have ever seen it. We will all be surprised and fascinated by it. It was not used in previous sessions.
- We do not know who left the bell. There is a note inside the bell that might explain more.