

Camper & Parent Code of Conduct

It is the Y's goal to provide a healthy, safe and secure environment for all day camp participants. Children who attend the program are expected to follow the behavior guidelines based on the Y's four core values and to interact appropriately in a group setting. It is the role of the parent to guide their camper's behavior both as a role model and in conversations at home regarding events that may occur at camp.

Behavior Guidelines:

- We will **care** for ourselves and those around us.
- **Honesty** will be the basis for all relationships and interactions.
- People are **responsible** for their actions.
- We **respect** each other and the environment.

As a Camper I will...

- Recognize I am a part of the YMCA community. I will respect the environment, peers, staff and members.
- Treat people the way I would like to be treated.
- Cooperate with camp staff and follow their instructions. This includes rules and regulations put forth by each individual activity head.
- Practice sun safety by wearing: sunscreen throughout the day, protective clothing, a hat and sunglasses with UV protection, stay hydrated with water/juice, and seek shade during the hottest/sunniest times of the day.
- Wear my life jacket and respect the pool rules.
- Help keep my area and the surrounding environment clean and put all litter in the trashcans.
- Stay with my counselors, unless I have special permission not to be with them.
- Be courteous to bus drivers, other staff and campers.
- Talk to someone if I feel unsafe.
- Have lots of FUN and a GREAT time.

I will not...

- Bully, or put down other campers or staff.
- Trespass, steal, vandalize or graffiti any property.
- Deliberately hurt anybody's feelings. Including pulling pranks on others which could cause someone to feel offended or unsafe or that might result in retaliatory action which could lead to injury or property damage.
- Use foul or abusive language (this includes language of a sexually explicit nature).

I understand that if I am having trouble following this code of conduct, the following could happen:

1. Staff will redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior.
2. The camper will be reminded of the behavior guidelines and day camp rules, and a discussion will take place.
3. If the behavior persists, a parent or caregiver will be notified of the problem.
4. The staff will document the situation. This written documentation will include what the behavior problem is, what provoked the problem and the corrective action taken.
5. Staff will schedule a conference with the parent or caregiver so they can determine the appropriate action to take.
6. Staff will schedule a progress check or a follow-up conference.
7. If the problem persists, staff will schedule a conference that includes the parent or caregiver, camper, staff and P program director. The program director will have all documentation and the notes from the previous conferences for review. If subsequent conferences have to be scheduled, a counselor may also be present.
8. If a child's behavior, at any time threatens the immediate safety of that child, other children or staff, the parent or caregiver may be notified and expected to pick up the child immediately.
9. If a problem persists and a child continues to disrupt the day camp program, the Y reserves the right to suspend the child from the program. Expulsion from the program will be considered in extreme situations.

The following behaviors are unacceptable and may result in the immediate suspension of a camper for the remainder of the day and the next day:

- Endangering the health and safety of children or staff, members and volunteers.
- Stealing or damaging Y or personal property.
- Leaving the day camp program without permission.
- Continually disrupting the program.
- Refusing to follow the behavior guidelines or day camp rules
- Using profanity, vulgarity or obscenity frequently.
- Acting in a lewd manner.

If any of these behaviors persists, staff may suspend the camper a second time before expulsion. Immediate expulsion may occur if the camper is in possession of or using tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, firecrackers, firearms or explosives.

Parent/Caregiver Signature

I have reviewed and discussed this document with my child. I understand and agree to all of the terms presented in this document and will guide my child in speech and actions to follow the behavior guidelines.

Parent/Caregiver Signature

Date

Camper Signature

I have read and understand the Camper Code of Conduct, and I agree to follow the behavior guidelines.

Camper Signature

Date