

# CAMP & RETREAT POLICIES

*These policies have been found through many years of experience to be important for good camping.*

## 1. TO CAMP AND HOME

- ❖ Campers should plan to arrive and depart at the scheduled times. (See the letter about your specific event.) Staff is not available to care for campers before or after camp.
- ❖ Authorization of release of campers: Parents will be asked upon arrival at camp who is authorized to pick up their child at the end of the week.
- ❖ Visitors are asked to visit only at camp opening and closing.
- ❖ Telephone contact between campers and their parents or guardians will be confined to emergency situations.
- ❖ Vehicles: Licensed, insured drivers under age 18 may drive themselves if they have their parent's permission, but are not allowed to have any passengers. For drivers under age 18, keys are collected and returned at the end of the event.
- ❖ Campers love to receive letters. Mail them early to arrive mid-week. Food items are discouraged as these attract unwanted visits from local wildlife. If you choose to send a package, consider items that can be shared or used by others: this will help promote unity in the cabin.
- ❖ Camper names and addresses may be shared with other campers unless the camp director is instructed otherwise.
- ❖ Photographs that may include your child may be used for promotional purposes such as printed catalogs, flyers or camp websites unless the camp director is instructed otherwise.

## 2. HEALTH

- ❖ A completed camper health form is required for all campers. Parent or legal guardian must sign health forms for campers under age 18. This form gives our staff information about health history, allergies, special diets, medicines brought with the camper, and other information that will be helpful in properly caring for the camper. **THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM IS REQUIRED OF ALL CAMPERS**
- ❖ Medical or behavioral information about your child will be shared only with other staff if it is determined by the director or medical staff that it is necessary to help the staff person better work with your child.
- ❖ All prescription OR non-prescription medications must be brought in their original bottles or packaging. For child & youth events, the Camp Health Care Provider is to have custody of all medication brought into camp by campers.
- ❖ The camp personnel will notify you if your child displays the following symptoms:
  - Any illness that persists longer than 24 hours; including fevers, coughs, excess expulsion of bodily fluids, allergic reactions, severe tiredness.
  - Any injury that causes severe prolonged pain, discoloration and/or swelling.
  - Any condition that cannot be sufficiently treated by camp personnel.
  - Any condition requiring transport to other medical services.
- ❖ The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, non-prescribed drugs (except those placed in custody of camp), depressants, or hallucinogens is prohibited. The use of tobacco is prohibited in the light of fire hazard and health dangers. Smokers are asked to refrain from smoking while at camp.

## 3. USE OF THE SITE

Campers are to stay within the boundaries of the Camp unless accompanied by a staff member.

Swimming and boating are important parts of the program at many camps. They are permitted only when an official lifeguard is on duty, and at times designated by the Camp staff.

Personal sports equipment (skateboards, bikes, archery equipment) should only be brought when specified by the dean of the event.

Fires are to be built only in fireplaces and approved campfire pits.

Campers will help keep the campsite clean and in good condition.

Camping is a way of life! Don't bring electronic devices, iPods, MP3 players or hand held games to camp. In children & youth camps, cell phones will be collected and returned at the end of camp.

Pets are not permitted at camp or retreat centers. No companion or therapy animals are permitted. Only service dogs under ADA qualifications are allowed on site.

All local and federal laws prohibiting weapons, firearms, fireworks etc. apply in the camp setting.