



## Code of Conduct: Behavior Expectations of Camp YouCan Campers

*By adhering to Camp YouCan behavior guidelines, each camper will help provide a safe, positive environment for all campers and staff to enjoy our quality camping program. Please review this with your child before arriving to camp.*

### Behavior Guidelines

- Campers take **responsibility** for their own actions.
  - Includes keeping your things picked up and taking your medications as directed.
- Campers **respect** themselves, each other, camp equipment, and the environment.
  - Includes not being abusive, either physically or verbally, toward fellow campers and adults.
  - No put downs. Examples of this would be teasing, name calling, racial slurs or inappropriate practical jokes.
  - No stealing or abuse of others personal possessions.
- **Honesty** will be the basis for all relationships and interactions.
  - **Following directions:** there are a lot of fun things to do at camp but every activity has rules so that we can operate the activity safely. Campers must follow directions given to them by their counselors and Camp YouCan Staff.
- Campers need to be **caring** in their relationships with others.
- Campers need to **participate** in camp activities.
  - It is the camp staff's responsibility to know where all campers are at all times. We therefore require campers to attend all camp activities unless medically excused.
  - Campers cannot be left alone anywhere on camp grounds.
- **Campers should talk to a camp counselor, or any camp staff members, if they are uncomfortable with any experiences or need assistance while at camp.**



## Discipline Procedures at Camp YouCan

It is our hope that each child will go home with great memories of camp. These rules are designed to protect each camper, so that one unruly child will not impact the overall experience for others.

By signing this document you are agreeing to review these procedures with your child. You are also acknowledging that you have read and understood the conditions set forth.

**When a camper does not follow the behavior guidelines, we will take the following action steps as behavior problems progress:**

1. Staff will take time to redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior. The warning will be given in a manner that assures the child understands what is appropriate. If inappropriate behavior continues, the camper will be reminded of behavior guidelines and camp rules and the camper will be asked to decide on action steps to correct his/her behavior.
2. If the child's behavior is not changed and able to meet these expectations and is affecting the experience of other campers, he/she will be referred to the Camp YouCan Director, along with input from counselors. These camp staff's will work with the camper to hopefully ensure changed behavior and a positive camp experience. Parental contact might also be made at this point for any suggestions on way to deter inappropriate behavior.
3. If inappropriate behavior continues after all of these processes, as a final action step, the camper may be dismissed from camp for the safety of themselves and other campers.



## **Examples of Unacceptable Behavior\***

- Refusing to follow behavior guidelines and/or camp rules
- Using profanity, vulgarity or obscenity
- Stealing or damaging property (personal or camp property)
- Refusal to participate in activities or cooperate with staff
- Disrupting the program
- Leaving the program without permission
- Endangering the health and safety of children and/or staff
- Use of illicit drugs, alcohol or tobacco or sexual conduct of any kind
- Teasing, making fun, or bullying of other campers or staff
- Fighting of any kind

***\*PHYSICAL VIOLENCE OR BULLYING OF ANY KIND TOWARD ANOTHER CAMPER OR STAFF MEMBER WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE CAMP PROGRAM.***



## Parent Section

- I have read through the previous sections with my child prior to signing this document.
- I understand the priorities of Camp YouCan, to ensure safety of all Camp YouCan campers, and will adhere by their decisions throughout the day of camp.
- I will provide all required completed paperwork in a timely manner. Paperwork must be turned in by August 4, 2014.

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Parent Signature

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Camper Signature

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Printed Name of Parent

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Printed Name of Camper

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Date