

CAMP SAFETY PLAN



Our goal is to make sure camp is a safe place for all campers and staff. In support of this goal, we ask all campers to follow our camp safety expectations. Each week counselors review our 'R.E.A.C.H. for the stars' expectations with campers, outlined below. **Please review these with your child before camp starts as well.**

VALUES PLEDGE

- I will be **responsible** for my everyday duties, the things I use, and the areas I am in.
- I will be a caring and **empathetic** person to those who participate in the YMCA Program and the people in the YMCA building.
- I will **accept** others for who they are, and be respectful of other people's feelings, property, and body.
- I will work towards making the camp **community** a safe place for all, and will follow the YMCA expectations.
- I will be **honest** when I make mistakes and honest when I have not done what I was responsible for.

At camp, campers are expected to:

- Use appropriate language at all times (which does not include swear words or negative remarks to others)
- Keep their hands to themselves (not hit, kick, bite, or otherwise hurt other campers/staff)
- Ask permission before leaving a program area (Campers must be supervised by a staff member at all times when attending camp).
- Remain in their assigned groups at all times unless additional support is being provided by support staff. (Additional supports are provided on a need basis and should not exceed more than 10% of the campers day.)

Not abiding by these expectations may result in suspension and/or removal from the program, for the safety of other campers and staff.

- **Hitting, fighting, or inappropriately touching another camper will result in the camper immediately being sent home for the day, and camp staff will set up a meeting with caregivers to discuss next steps**
- All other incidents will be handled as follows
 - ⇒ 1st incident: verbal warning
 - ⇒ 2nd incident: written warning, parents notified
 - ⇒ 3rd incident: camper sent home or suspended for 1-3 days; re-entry meeting
 - ⇒ More than 3 incidents may result in camper dismissal from the program

YMCA staff and management reserve the right to terminate a child from the day camp program if the child's behavior is disruptive to the program and/or compromises the safety of themselves, other children, and/or staff. Termination will extend to the after-school program and camp the next summer.

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