



Forest Springs®

Behavior Agreement

It is our desire at Forest Springs to provide a welcoming atmosphere and a safe environment for all our campers. This security for our campers is accomplished through our dedication to quality programming, outstanding service, and staff training. We desire to foster meaningful relationships, build character and create memories that will last a lifetime.

In order to ensure that everyone has this positive experience, we want each and every guest and camper to understand that physical and emotional safety is a significant priority. Therefore, at Forest Springs, **bullying is inexcusable and is grounds for immediate dismissal from camp.**

We are committed to offering a youth camp program where all campers feel safe. We know the best way to reduce bullying is to create a positive atmosphere from the start! We have set up our schedule to provide many opportunities for cabin and group unity.

We encourage you to let us know about particular concerns that you have regarding bullying at camp or any camp-related emails, instant messages or other incidences. We know that with excellent staff training and follow through, solid communication regarding our expectations to campers, and a strong partnership with parents that we can be successful in managing this issue.

Please read and sign the Behavior Agreement on the reverse of this page and feel free to contact us with any feedback, questions and concerns. We are looking forward to your involvement at Forest Springs!

Jon Classen
Camp Director

Camper Name: _____

Camp Week: _____

Forest Springs® Youth Camp Behavior Agreement

Parents: Please take a moment to review the following agreement with your camper. Signify that you both understand and agree to each statement by signing the bottom.

Regarding personal behavior...

- I will arrive and remain at camp with a positive attitude, open to meeting new people and trying new activities.
- I will work with my counselor and cabin mates toward creating a camp environment that is safe and friendly for each of us.
- I will work with my counselors or trip leader and cabin mates to set expectations for our cabin behavior and will adhere to these expectations.
- I understand that doing intentional harm or bullying another camper, either physically or emotionally, is grounds for dismissal from camp, with no refund of camping fees.
- I understand that although I may be able to solve some conflicts on my own, my counselors or trip leaders are always ready to listen and assist if there is a problem. I understand that my counselors and all of the camp staff need and want to help but can only do so if I am willing to share any concerns that I have with them.
- I will use appropriate language and understand that the use of excessive, deliberate, profane language will not be accepted.
- I will not possess smoking materials, lighters, matches, illegal drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind on the camp grounds.

Regarding electronic equipment...

- I understand that if I bring my cell phone to camp that it will only be used to take pictures and NOT used to access media, make phone calls, or text during camp. Camp reserves the right to remove my phone if I use it in an inappropriate way.
- I will be respectful of the property and personal space of other campers. I will use my camera in appropriate areas only and not in changing or restroom areas of camp.
- I believe that it is possible to spend my time at camp "electronics free" and will leave any video games, music systems or other digital media at home.
- Any costs (transportation as needed) associated with the dismissal of a camper will be paid by the camper's parent or guardian.

We have read and agree to the above behavior agreement and understand that not following these guidelines may result in disciplinary actions including dismissal from camp. If that were to happen, we would accept the decision of the camp administration as being made in the best interest of the camp.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Camper Signature