



# Camp Rules

- Please be friendly and respectful to all campers, our Summer Camp Staff and everyone's belongings.
- Listen and follow all directions given by our Camp Director, Team Leaders and Camp Counselors.
- A camper should notify their Team Leader/Camp Counselor when he/she needs to leave for any reason (such as going to the bathroom, getting a drink). Campers must always remain within visual sight of their Team Leader. Campers may not leave the campgrounds unless accompanied by a parent.
- If someone does something or says something to you that you don't like or hurts your feelings, ask them to STOP and tell them why. If they don't stop, please tell your Team Leader/Camp Counselor.
- At the sound of one whistle, all campers should pay attention to the announcements being made by the staff person: (one whistle usually means its time for the next activity to begin).
- Three whistles in a row signify an emergency and all children must stop whatever they're doing and will be instructed to meet at the outdoor pavilion located at the barn. If indoors, they must listen to the Staff's instructions. 3 WHISTLES MEANS STOP, LISTEN AND RESPOND QUICKLY.
- For safety reasons, tennis shoes must be worn at all times.
- Nothing should be thrown into the air except for recreational equipment. No rock/sand or sticks throwing.
- For safety reasons, participation in zipline is limited to campers ages 7-10, obstacle course activities and tree house are only for campers ages 7 year old and older.
- Cell phones and/or electronic devices are to be used for emergency purposes only. Cell phones are to be left in the campers' backpacks in their cubby during camp hours. They are not to be carried by the campers during camp programming. In the event of violation of the cell phone policy, cell phones may be taken from the child and returned to the child's parent or guardian at the end of the day with a written warning.
- No profane or abusive language.
- Please keep your hands and feet to yourself-- no hitting or hurting other kids.
- When inside; please no running and use inside voices.
- Do not go behind any of the buildings unless you have permission from your Team Leader/Camp Counselor.
- If you see unfamiliar kids or adults inside the camp area, please tell your Team Leader/Camp Counselor immediately.
- No jumping off the swings, play structures or trees. No climbing on any trees.
- Try new things: explore the materials & projects in a new way.
- Be open to new ideas and suggestions.

## Code of Conduct

**Verbal Warning:** Child will be asked to refrain from a specified behavior. A camp Counselor/Team Leader will take the child to the side and explain why their behavior was inappropriate. A maximum of 1 verbal warning will be given before a Time Out is issued.

**Time Out:** (One minute per year of age) When necessary, "time outs" will be used as a method of removing the camper from an unwanted situation and placing the camper in a safe, neutral location. A camp Counselor/Team Leader will take the child to the side and explain why their behavior was inappropriate. They will help the child identify a better way to handle the situation.

**Written Warning/Parent Phone Call/Parent Conference:**

A "written warning" is given to the parent/guardian upon pick-up, explaining the child's inappropriate behavior. The consequence of the child's behavior is that they will not be able to participate in their favorite activity, such as FREE-Play Time, zipline, tree house etc. (The "written warning" will be kept in the child's file). If the child seems to have a consistent disciplinary problem, we will hold a parent conference to address the situation. If a child receives 2 written warnings, the camp director has the right to permanently suspend the child from camp with no refund granted.

## Positive Reinforcement Policy

Country Life Kids Camp uses a positive guidance that will allow campers to learn acceptable ways to express emotions, to manage friendships, and interact with adults. The goal of our guidance and discipline is to help develop a healthy sense of self-esteem.

Country Life Kids Camp is about identifying and rewarding campers who do extraordinary things and/or "Special Deeds" by setting an excellent example for other campers. These campers demonstrate teamwork, leadership qualities, compassion, generosity, honesty, courage, perseverance, kindness, respect, responsibility etc. The awards are called "Camper of the Day" and "Camper of the Week".

Campers, by their actions throughout the day, have an opportunity to receive a ticket for the Ticket Bin. The camper writes their name on the back of the ticket and places the ticket in the Ticket Bin. At the end of every day we have a drawing to select one camper to receive a special award. This award is based on the camper demonstrating to fellow campers, "Special Deeds" or positive actions throughout the day. The winner gets to pick a prize out of the Treasure Chest.

Once a week the Camp Director, Team Leaders and Camp Counselors vote and select one extraordinary camper to receive the prestigious award of "Camper of the Week". The "Camper of the Week" receives many honors:

- they get to select a prize from the Treasure Chest
- they are given as a gift a Country Life Kids Camp T-Shirt
- they have special privileges to eat lunch in the tree-house & bring a friend
- they are a leader for the day with special responsibilities; flag ceremony, team captain, classroom leader, first in line for nature hikes, zip line etc.
- our youngest campers receive a poster on the wall with certain facts about themselves
- our youngest campers get to take home the Secret Sharing Bag for a week

Country Life Kids Camp should be a rewarding experience for all campers; therefore redirection and positive reinforcement are used to help maintain consistent desired behavior with the campers.