

# GUIDELINES FOR NERINGA CAMPERS: CAMPER LIFE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## WHAT IS NERINGA

### *Lithuanian Culture*

Neringa is a Lithuanian camp. We come to Camp Neringa specifically to learn as much as we can about our Lithuanian culture and heritage.

### *Faith and Spirituality*

Neringa is a Catholic camp. We believe we are all created by God and are brothers and sisters to each other in Spirit.

### *Personal Experience*

God has created us with various talents and gifts. Life at camp gives us a different opportunity to explore these gifts and who we are.

### *Community Living and Cooperation*

We live together and form a community like a large family. We learn to appreciate the gifts of everyone; we learn self-giving by helping, encouraging, working together, and being responsible for one another. When we disagree or have problems with each other, we learn how to communicate, understand and forgive each other.

## YOUR ROLE AT NERINGA

- All campers must participate in all camp activities.
- You are not allowed to hurt other campers with your hands or with your words. You may be asked to leave camp if you hurt people.
- Stay in your cabin from bedtime until the morning bell. Do not wake up other campers or leave your bed if you wake up before the morning bell.
- You will be expected to keep your things neatly, to complete chores in the cabin, and to help clean places that everyone at Neringa uses.
- Respect Neringa by not writing on walls, damaging buildings or furniture, throwing sticks or rocks into the field, peeling birch bark, or hurting our camp in any way.
- Be respectful during flag ceremonies.
- Ask a counselor if you do not know where your activity is.
- You may go to the pond only during swimming time and only with a counselor. Follow pond rules; you may swim in the deep end only if you have passed the swimming test with the camp lifeguard.
- Please quiet down when you see a counselor's raised hand.
- These are places where you go only with a counselor: the main building basement, second floor, and library; the sisters' house; the cooks' house; the caretaker's house; the woods; the pond; the work shed; other campers' cabins; counselor rooms; the art house.
- If you need help washing your clothes, please ask a counselor.
- Be polite while eating. Eat together with your cabin and help clean up afterward. Don't take cups, plates, forks, or anything else from the dining room.
- The Chapel is always open to use as a quiet place of reflection and prayer. You can visit the chapel during your free time if you like. Do not go to the chapel without telling a counselor.
- Do not chew gum.
- Do not make phone calls without permission.
- Remember to use the proper shower house: girls on the hill, and boys near the soccer field.
- You need to be appropriately dressed at camp. If it is determined that a camper is not dressed properly, they may be asked you to change.
- Tell a counselor right away if you do not feel well. Do not go to the nurse without telling a counselor.
- You can send letters by putting them in the mailbox, which is in front of the Lizdas.
- Electronic devices like cell phones, laptops, or videogames are not allowed at camp. This will help you focus on all camp activities. If electronic or music devices are brought to camp, they will be taken away and returned at the end of camp.
- If you damage something at Neringa, you will be asked to fix it. If you cannot fix it, your parents will have to pay for what you have broken.
- Campers are not allowed to bring weapons or knives, to smoke, drink alcohol, or use drugs.
- Don't forget to smile and enjoy camp!!!

