

## **Short Mountain Bible Camp Camper Code of Conduct**

Our goal for each child attending a summer camp program is to have an experience of Christian community in which the camper is safe and grows spiritually and socially. Because of this goal, campers are encouraged to participate in all camp activities to the best of their ability. Likewise, campers are encouraged to treat one another and the staff with mutual respect. During a week of camp, in the course of activities, it is natural that there will be conflicts within cabin groups and between campers and their counselors. It is in resolving these conflicts - in the give and take of negotiation - that some of the most important lessons of a week at camp are learned.

Occasionally, however, behavior on the part of a camper may become as disruptive as to require his/her removal from camp because conflicts cannot be resolved. Therefore, the following guidelines are presented for children during their week of camp. Parents are encouraged to review these guidelines with their children.

1. Abide by the rules and regulations of the camp.
2. Use language appropriate for a Christian community.
3. Respect the rights, privacy and property of others.
4. Respect the property and facilities of the camp.
5. Wear appropriate clothes for activities as suggested by camp staff.
6. Engaging in or threatening acts of physical, sexual or verbal abuse is prohibited (camper/camper or camper/staff).
7. Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or any illegal substance or paraphernalia is prohibited.
8. Possession or use of weapons is prohibited.

### **Disciplinary Action**

Short Mountain Bible Camp will attempt to be fair in assessing consequences for camper behavior. When appropriate, consequences shall be given in a progressive order in relation to the severity and/or frequency of the infraction(s). The specific disciplinary action and severity of punishment for inappropriate camper behavior will be handled by Director of the week

### **Zero Tolerance Policy**

Because we want campers to be able to experience the safest week possible, Short Mountain has adopted a zero tolerance for the following behaviors.

1. Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or any illegal substance or paraphernalia.
2. Possession or use of weapons of any kind.
3. Theft.
4. Physical assault.
5. Sexual misconduct.

Any camper who willfully violates any of the above rules of conduct may be dismissed immediately at the discretion of the director of the week.

### **Reimbursement of Fees**

If the camper is dismissed due to inappropriate behavior, no refund of camper fees will be available.