

Camp Wyldewood Behavioral Policy

Part 2

At Camp Wyldewood, we always strive to provide our families and children with the safest, most friendly environment. We have been blessed over the years, with the day camp program growing by 100% over the last six years. We thank all those who have been loyal customers and those who continue to send their children to our camp.

Admittedly, with such quick growth, we have had to adapt quickly to changes due to such a high increase in participation. This year, 2011, we are adding to our already existing behavior guidelines required by the state and are introducing new, stricter policies to regulate the behavior of the children who come to our facility. Listed below are descriptions of existing procedures and new policies that you should understand.

Accident Report

Accident reports are given to children that experience some sort of accident while in our care. Often, these are characterized by scrapes, scratches, or bruises that leave a mark on your child's body. Injuries that are defined as 'Accidents' occur at no fault to the injured party. Accident Reports can also be filed when your child has been struck or tripped by another child who was intent on harming your child. Again, this only happens if your child is not at fault (hasn't antagonized another child) and is a victim of another's aggressive behavior.

To us, these reports are given to the parent for accountability reasons. You are leaving your child in our care and we are responsible for their well-being. Accident reports are the most frequent report that we hand out, and we give them to the parent or guardian at the end of each day when you are signing your child out. We expect you to sign the form based on the information contained in the report and return it to us immediately.

Incident Report

Incident reports are given when there is an issue with a child's behavior. These issues are characterized by laying hands on another child in anger, being reckless or destructive with camp property, or consistently breaking rules of common decency. Believe me, we have children ourselves, so we understand how they can act. We are patient with children when they break rules and they are daily given second and third chances. But if a child, after given opportunities to conform to the rules, still will not do so, we write Incident Reports. Again, these are reports based upon mild disobedience. Not for open defiance. These reports are given to simply define issues we are having with your child. They are not given to humiliate you or your child. But, if these problems aren't handled correctly, then they could become major distractions.

Accident and Incident Reports have been given in previous summers.

Major Incident Report

****New this summer.**** Major incident reports are given to children who are openly defiant with camp counselors, show no care for other campers' or counselors' safety, or bully other children. These major incidents can be defined by--**DEFIANCE**: A defiant child will not adhere to rules, might run away from the group, or might not listen or obey any rule given by our staff. **PHYSICAL BULLYING**: A child who physically bullies doesn't care about the safety of other children, repeatedly abuses others physically without provocation, or repeatedly chooses the same children to single out and abuse. **SOCIAL BULLYING**: A child who socially bullies uses words of abuse to harm other's feelings and self worth. Name calling, racist language, sexist language, or repeatedly calling attention to the physical deficiencies of others might constitute **SOCIAL BULLYING**. Bullies make children not want to come back to Camp Wyldewood. If you believe your child is being bullied, please contact me immediately. None of these behavior issues will be tolerated at Camp Wyldewood. Major Incident Reports are not limited to the list of issues above and are designed to confront any major anti-social behavior that a child might have.

Currently, there are no maximum numbers of incident reports a child can get before he or she is told not to return to camp. Most of the time, these issues can be handled by interaction with a staff member or parent/guardian. However, beginning summer of 2011, there are limitations on Major Incident Reports.

Each child is allowed two Major Incident Reports. On the third report, they will not be allowed to return to Wyldewood for the rest of the week. Refunds will not be given to families of children that violate this policy. A child will be allowed to return to Wyldewood the next week (if he or she chooses to), but will be given only one Major Incident Report as a warning. On the second report, they will not be allowed to return. If a final major incident report is given on a Friday (the last day of the session), the child will lose the entire next session and the parent will be called to come pick up the child that day.