

Young Leader

Rules and Expectations

This is a list of rules and expectations that all Young Leaders are responsible for knowing and adhering to while at camp. As a Young Leader, you are a leader at camp, and without your hard work we would not be able to make camp a success. At the same time, you are also a **minor** (under the age of 18), which means you can't have the same set of rules as the regular summer staff members. We have high expectations for you this summer, and it is going to be hard work, but it is our hope that you get a lot from this program!

- On the first day of each session you are assigned, you must report to the Grand Rapids Camp Blodgett check-in location on Monday by 8:30AM (no earlier than 8:15AM) to help with check-in and loading luggage.
- As a minor, **you are required by law to be with a staff member that is 18 years old at all times.**
- Your direct supervisor will be the Young Leader Coordinators. In addition, any staff members (including Camp Director, office staff, and any summer staff) may ask for your assistance throughout your time at camp. You are asked to help them as needed.
- When you are not doing kitchen duty, **you must be with your cabin group or assigned staff member.** If you have a workshop and need to set up, you must have an adult staff member with you.
- You are **NEVER** to be alone with a camper or staff member. If a counselor or other staff member asks you to do something that would isolate you with a camper, it is ok to remind them that this is illegal. ***If this happens, please inform your Young Leader Coordinators or the Camp Director and we will handle the situation.***
- In the evenings, you will have limited free time after your cabin is settled for the night. You must get permission from your cabin counselor before leaving the cabin. This is an area where you can show a lot of leadership! Help get your campers settled and ensure a good, quiet night before you leave. Young Leaders who do not follow through with evening cabin commitments will lose their evening free time privileges.
- During free time, you must remain on the main part of camp. You are allowed to go to the deck of the retreat center but are not allowed inside the building.
- Curfew for Young Leaders will be 11pm. This will be strictly enforced by your Coordinator. Failure to follow curfew is a reason for dismissal.
- You are expected to assist with workshops. If you have an idea for a workshop, or would like to lead a workshop, feel free to speak with the Workshop Coordinator.
- Romantic relationships with Young Leaders, campers, or adult staff are strictly prohibited and can be caused for dismissal.
- Appropriate clothing and swimwear must be worn at all times. Inappropriate items include but are not limited to clothing with negative or suggestive printed messages or images, micro skirts and very short shorts, and sagging pants.

- Cell Phones and all other technology should not be brought to camp. However, if you choose to bring any technology, it must be stored in your cabin and not used at all during the day. Once campers are in bed and you are on free time, you can use your technology. Bring it at your own risk! Camp Blodgett is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items, even if they have been confiscated.
- If you are using your technology during the day, it will be confiscated and returned to you at the end of the session.
- Negative and/or illegal activities are prohibited on camp property. This includes, but is not limited to smoking, use of alcohol or drugs, using foul or derogatory language, and gossiping about others. Any of these activities may result in dismissal from the program.
- All medications must be turned in to the Health Officer on the first day of each camp session.
- Be a positive example for the campers. They look up to you! Help out where it's needed and asked, in and out of the kitchen and cabin. Encourage campers to learn and grow through their time at camp. This program is designed to help you develop the skills you will need as a counselor. If you have suggestions for ways we can better achieve this goal, please tell your Coordinator or Camp Director.
- **These rules and guidelines can be updated or changed at any time by the Young Leader Coordinator or Camp Director.**

By signing this form, you are stating that you have read and understand the rules and expectations of the Young Leader program and agree to follow them to the best of your ability. Failure to abide by this contract may result in your dismissal from the program and will affect your ability to return in the future as a Young Leader.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian of a Young Leader at Camp Blodgett, I have read the rules and expectations above. I consent for my child to participate in this program, and I will encourage them to be a positive, participatory member of the Young Leaders team at Camp Blodgett, abiding by the above stated rules and expectations. I understand that my child must be brought to the Camp Blodgett check-in location in Grand Rapids on Monday morning of each week that they are selected to be at camp (**unless otherwise arranged**). In addition, my child should be picked up each Friday afternoon from the Camp Blodgett office in Grand Rapids by an authorized adult. I understand that, as an individual under 18 years of age, my child is by law considered a camper at Camp Blodgett and is expected to follow all camp rules.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Signature

Date