

# Camp Kawartha's Camper Code of Conduct

It is our commitment to provide a rich and wonderful camping experience for all campers. To assist us in offering the best camp experience we possibly can, please review our camper code of conduct (see below). We want to create a safe and nurturing environment for everyone!

Generally these rules fall under what we refer to as the three "R's"

- **Respect yourself.** Campers are expected, in accordance with their age, to take appropriate care of themselves (personal hygiene, getting sufficient sleep, dressing warmly and appropriately)
- **Respect the environment.** Camp Kawartha has over 186 acres of beautiful habitat. We want campers to be stewards of this area for future generations.
- **Respect others.** We expect campers to treat one another, our staff, nurses and cooks with courtesy and respect.

We are a camp committed to inclusion and providing a nurturing environment for each camper's individual needs. To ensure a safe and equitable summer for all, we are able to provide assistive programming that helps all campers integrate into camp routines, but we are not able to offer alternative programming on a long-term basis. If a camper needs to be withdrawn from their cabin activities more than 20% of the time, therefore requiring prolonged one-on-one support, we are not staffed to accommodate these campers.

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If any camper behaves in a way which compromises our ability to foster a sense of respect and preserve the dignity of every person at camp (campers and staff alike), then it must be understood they will be dealt with as described below. There is a more rigorous set of policies and procedures dealing with staff conduct that parents are able to review upon request.

**Any camper that breaks any of the following in-house rules, will be sent home immediately.**

There will be NO refund or credit on camp fees.

- Smoking, alcohol, and illicit drugs are strictly prohibited at our camp. Campers may not have any cigarettes, drugs or alcoholic beverages in their possession.
- Weapons or any implement that our staff deem dangerous or potentially dangerous are strictly prohibited.

**Any camper that breaks any of the following in-house rules MAY be sent home based on the seriousness of the offense.** If that is the case, there will be NO refund or credit on camp fees.

- Inappropriate behaviour, such as bullying, teasing, harassment, swearing, acts of aggression, pranks, practical jokes or disrespect for other people or the environment are not tolerated at Camp Kawartha. What may seem harmless to you may have lasting emotional or physical consequences for others.
- Ownership and use of cell phones by campers at camp is prohibited.
- Stealing or borrowing other people's possessions without their consent will not be tolerated.
- Vandalizing or damage to camp property and equipment is a serious offense and will not be tolerated. This includes any damage to cabins, bunks, window screens, doors, washrooms, classrooms, dining hall, any other buildings, signs, program equipment and including the natural environment. You will be held responsible for the cost of repair or replacement, including labour costs.
- Defacing camp property in any way is also considered a serious offense. Any graffiti including writing, drawing, carving or painting names/pictures etc. on bunk beds, furniture, walls, cabins, or any other buildings are all examples of this and will not be tolerated. You will be held responsible for cleanup, repair or replacement.
- Tampering with any safety devices including smoke alarms and fire extinguishers is a serious offence and will not be tolerated.
- Campers must remain inside our designated boundary (this will be explained to campers during their tour of our facilities).
- Campers may not visit each other's cabins during the day or evening (this is to insure security and that campers will be supervised at all times).
- Campers must stay in their cabins after lights out at night, except if a washroom trip is necessary. If so, campers must alert their counsellor and younger campers may visit the washroom with a buddy.