

New York YMCA Camp

Bully-Free Agreement

Please take a few minutes to discuss this contract with your child prior to signing and returning it to us. As stated in the Information Handbook, we depend on a partnership with parents/guardians to ensure the camp environment is a safe and rewarding experience for all. We have found that this is a useful tool for campers, parents/guardians and the camp staff in ensuring we have a common understanding of everyone's expectations.

Participation Trying new and exciting activities while at camp is an opportunity to cherish and strive toward. Each camper chooses their own activities and is responsible for his or her own participation in all aspects of the program. Campers are expected to select and participate in an activity at all times.

Behavior & Values The camp motto of "The Bully Free Zone" means that each person at camp lives by the values of the YMCA: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Caring. All campers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to these values by:

- ~ Showing respect for themselves, other campers and staff, and the environment that surrounds them.
- ~ Assisting and encouraging their fellow campers to be successful and helping to create a caring camp community atmosphere.
- ~ Being honest to themselves and toward each other at all times.
- ~ Taking responsibility for his or her own choices and actions. For example, campers should talk to their counselor if they are having any problems and if the problem is not resolved they should talk to a supervisor or the Camp Director.

Camp Rules Our camp rules are based on our values and in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all, understanding and following camp rules is important. In the rare event that the Director (or designee) needs to phone home about a behavior problem, he or she will, together with the parent/guardian, discuss actions to be taken to resolve the matter. Following this, an inability to follow camp rules and the YMCA values may result in a camper being sent home without refund. The parent/guardian would be responsible to pick their child up from camp immediately.

Note – The following will result in immediate dismissal - possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons, 'sneaking out' at night, and any behavior that causes a risk to the safety of others or self.

I understand, and agree to make every effort to meet the above guidelines, rules, values and expectations of The New York YMCA Camp.

Camper's Signature	Camper's Name	Date
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I have read and discussed this behavior agreement with my child and they understand the expectations. I understand that if my child is unable to abide by the expectations set, I am responsible for arranging their transportation home.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Parent/Guardian Name	Date
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