



Camp Connect

Policies and Procedures

This form is to be read and signed by the camper and parent/guardian, and is to be turned in at registration.

It is our goal to offer every camper a unique experience where they not only learn, grow and have fun, but also feel safe physically and emotionally. In order to do this, we ask that each camper abide by certain guidelines.

Behavior Policy:

The ability to effectively interact in a small group and within a community-living environment is important to the Camp Connect experience. Cabins have 8-10 campers, while Teams include 15-20 campers and two college-aged counselors. Campers will be expected to effectively interact with others to accomplish community-building goals. On the first day of camp, each Counselor will go over camp policies and rules. If the camper has any questions, he/she is free to ask in order to clarify expectations of daily camp life. **We do not tolerate fighting, bullying, vulgar language, disobedience, camper disruption or the possession of all forms of nicotine, alcohol, illegal drugs or weapons.** If any camper is found acting in such behavior, or in the possession of items mentioned, he or she may be sent home early from camp.

Procedures for Disruptive Behavior:

1. We will first talk with the camper and let them know that his/her behavior is unacceptable and what the desired behavior is. We will also attempt to let the camper know that he/she is cared for, but certain behaviors are not tolerated at camp.
2. If the behavior continues, Camp Connect Staff will contact the parent/guardian(s) to make them aware of the situation.
3. If the behavior persists, the Camp Director has the right to determine if the camper should remain at camp or be sent home. Because we are limited on time with the campers and also depending of the severity of the behavior, some actions may result in immediate dismissal.

Health:

All medication (both prescription and over the counter) must be turned in at registration in its original container, including the Physician's instructions for dosage on the label.

Visitors:

Being away from your child can be difficult on both the parent/guardian(s), as well as the campers; however, visiting can cause many disruptions in his/her acclimation into the camp environment. At Camp Connect, campers experience the camaraderie of other campers and are led to acquire skills that improve self-confidence, increase self-reliance and enhance the ability to cooperate with others. Because of this, we do not allow any outside visitors during the camp session.

Cell Phones:

We know that in today's culture many of our campers and parents stay in daily communication via cell phones. We also understand the trust that you are placing in us by allowing your camper to come to camp without his/her cell phone. We believe that there is a very real value in your camper spending a week unplugged and disconnected from his/her digital life. We believe that taking time off from our phones, computers, social media, and video games can open up the space in our minds and hearts to hear and feel God at work. If there are any situations regarding your camper while at camp that you need to be made aware of (medical issues, severe homesickness, etc.) we will contact you.

Bunkmates:

ONE bunkmate request is guaranteed only if the request is mutual. Groups of 3 or more are not guaranteed as we promote new friendships among campers.

I have read and agree to the above Policies and Procedures for Camp Connect. I have discussed the noted expectations with my camper. I also understand that there will be no refund for any camper sent home early.

Camper Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date