

Ashland-Wayne County 4-H Camp

Your child's safety is our number one priority. A successful camp depends on the partnerships of camp staff, campers, and parents. When planning for camp, our staff conducts an extensive risk assessment and makes a plan to avoid or minimize these risks. We manage risks in the following ways:

1. Providing training for counselors and staff
2. Requiring background checks for those 18 years of age and older
3. Having nurses on duty 24/7
4. Providing adequate ratios of supervision in activities and cabins
5. Ensuring activities are developmentally appropriate and assessing risks for all activities
6. Developing emergency protocols
7. Obtaining health information and parent permission forms

The guidelines and policies contained in this agreement are designed with camper safety and well-being in mind. Please read, sign, and return the agreement at check in.

Rules and Guidelines for Camp Living

Please review these rules and guidelines with your campers. Counselors will also review the rules and guidelines with campers in their cabins.

1. REPORT INJURIES, ILLNESSES, and HEALTH PROBLEMS:

- a. The camp nurses are on duty 24/7. They are here to assist with maintaining the health and well-being of all camp participants. Anyone with injuries, illnesses, and health problems should see the nurse. All medications are dispensed by the nurse.

2. ACT RESPECTFULLY TOWARD OTHERS:

- a. Respect other campers and the camp staff. Be kind and courteous to one another. No put-downs. No fighting.
- b. Listen when others are talking.
- c. Use respectful language when communicating with other campers, counselors, and adult staff members. Do not use profane, abusive, or derogatory language.

3. DEMONSTRATE APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR in CAMP and CABINS AREAS:

- a. Boys stay in the boys' cabin area; girls stay in the girls' cabin area.
- b. Please treat buildings, equipment, others' property, wildlife, and trees with care and respect.
- c. Writing on buildings and walls is prohibited. Any posters or lists to be put on the walls must be attached with tape – no staples, nails, etc.
- d. Observe lights out in the cabins as posted in the schedule.
- e. A counselor should escort campers if they must go to the restroom or the nurse's station during the night.
- f. Do not keep food in cabins, as it attracts unwanted animal and insect visitors.
- g. Clean up after yourself and put litter in its proper place.
- h. All campers will assist keeping the camp clean, including cabin and dining hall and clean up duties as instructed by their counselors and/or the camp staff.

4. BE SAFE WHEN PARTICIPATING in ACTIVITIES:

- a. Swimming is permitted only with lifeguard supervision and only within the roped-off area.
- b. All campers MUST wear life jackets while in the canoes or kayaks.
- c. Ball play is permitted on the field. Ball playing is prohibited in the rec. hall, dining hall, Multipurpose building, and craft building.

5. WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING and FOOTWEAR:

- a. Wear footwear at all times. Wear closed-toed shoes for activities involving walking, hiking, running, and climbing. Wear flip-flops inside the cabin and showering. Wearing flip-flops during other camp activities is an invitation for injuries and unnecessary visits to the nurse.
- b. Do not wear clothing that is very tight or revealing.

Grounds for Dismissal Policies

In our efforts to maintain a safe environment for all of our campers, there are certain situations that are grounds for dismissal from camp. We work hard to resolve conflicts that might arise. However, we feel it is important to outline the situations that may lead to camper's dismissal. We are not able to transport campers if they are dismissed. If a camper is sent home for any of the specified reasons, it is the responsibility of the parent to make arrangements to pick up their child.

Any camper found engaging in any illegal activity will be sent home. In addition, these activities may have potential legal consequences. **NO EXCEPTIONS, NO WARNINGS, and NO SECOND CHANCES.** A camper will be sent home for the following reasons:

1. **DRUGS** - Use, possession, or attempted purchase of any illegal drug in any quantity is prohibited. Personal use, attempt to purchase, possession of, or being in the company of anyone using or possessing any illegal drugs in any quantity or any unauthorized prescription drugs, or possession or purchase of any drug equipment or paraphernalia is prohibited. We reserve the right to conduct a cabin search or personal effect search should drug or any illegal possession be suspected.
2. **ALCOHOL** - Use or possession of any alcoholic beverages or attempting to purchase any alcoholic beverages is prohibited. This policy also includes non-alcoholic beers. Being in any area where alcohol is consumed will also be grounds for dismissal. We reserve the right to conduct a cabin search or personal effect search should alcohol possession be suspected. Any possession or use of a false I.D. is prohibited.

INAPPROPRIATE AND PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR - The following behavior is not permitted and will result in intervention by adult staff members. Actions may include temporary removal from activities, confiscation of items, a phone call to parents, and ultimately to a camper being sent home. In addition, certain behaviors have potential legal consequences and appropriate authorities will be contacted in such instances.

1. **LEAVING THE IMMEDIATE CAMP GROUNDS** - No campers should be found leaving the immediate camp grounds without permission from the staff.
2. **USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES** - Cell phones and other personal electronic devices (e.g., iPods, MP3 players, Nintendo DS and PSPs) and their use are prohibited at camp. Any cell phones found will be confiscated and held until the end of camp.
3. **INAPPROPRIATE PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS** - Cameras, cell phones, or other personal electronic devices may not be used to take and/or send photographs or videos that contain inappropriate content. Photographs taken in any private areas including but not limited to bathrooms, changing areas, etc., are strictly prohibited and will result in the confiscation of the equipment used to take the photographs and may result in a camper's immediate dismissal from camp.
4. **USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING KNIVES AND FIREARMS** - Use and/or possession of weapons, including knives and firearms, is prohibited. This includes instances when common objects are used as weapons (e.g., rocks, bandanas).
5. **FIREWORKS** - Possession or use of fireworks is prohibited.
6. **SMOKING/TOBACCO PRODUCTS** - There will be no smoking, use, possession, or purchase of tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco.
7. **HARRASMENT OR BULLYING** - Campers are not to engage in any fighting or verbal or physical harassment or abuse of any kind directed toward any member of the camp community.
8. **SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS** - Any camper possessing, sharing, and/or distributing sexually explicit materials to any member of the camp community.
9. **TRADING OR SELLING OF PERSONAL PROPERTY** - The trading or sale of another camper's property or possessions is prohibited.

I have read and fully understand and accept the rules and regulations set forth for the Ashland-Wayne County 4-H Camp.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read, or my parent has explained to me, the rules and regulations set forth for the Ashland-Wayne County 4-H Camp.

Print Camper Name: _____

Camper Signature: _____ Date: _____