



## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MAINSIDE CAMPERS

*Dear Parents:*

*Surprise Lake Camp has high standards for the care of children. Among other things, this means asking campers to understand that they have responsibilities toward themselves and others in camp. We believe that having this expectation, and holding young people accountable for it, helps them to grow and develop into better, more successful, happier adults. We also believe that it makes camp a healthier place for everyone.*

*In keeping with this, we ask that you please review the following CODE OF CONDUCT with your child(ren) before he/she/they come(s) to camp.*

### Cooperation:

*Campers must listen to, respect, and observe the rules and guidelines established by the counselors and supervisors at all times. Campers are expected to participate in activities and share responsibility for various group chores.*

### Respect for Others:

*Campers are expected to respect the rights and feelings of others. Camp does NOT tolerate physical fighting (hitting, kicking, punching), bullying (insults, name calling, hurtful pranks, intimidation), bigotry of any kind, or any other form of physical or emotional abuse. Campers are expected to solve problems either by talking them out or seeking the help of staff members.*

### Destroying or Stealing Property:

*Vandalism, graffiti, destruction, or theft of either personal or camp property is not permitted. Any expenses incurred as a result of these behaviors will be charged directly to the camper(s) involved.*

### Inappropriate Language:

*Inappropriate language (cursing) will NOT be tolerated in camp.*

### Prohibited Material:

*Campers may not bring cigarettes, prohibited substances, potential weapons, hot pots, or fireworks to camp.*

### Privacy:

*Every camper has a right to privacy. To protect this right, camp requires that living quarters be limited to those who live there and other members of their groups. Under no circumstances may boys and girls visit one another's cabins.*

### Violations:

*Violations of these rules will be reviewed by the supervisory staff and/or camp directors to determine appropriate consequences. These may include a camper being sent home from camp without a refund, particularly in cases where a camper's behaviors interfere with the ability of others to enjoy the camp experience, or where they develop into a pattern of problems.*