

IVY LEAGUE DAY CAMP Conduct Agreement

If your child is participating in any of our **Teen Programs (Grads, LIT or CAP)**, please review this agreement with your camper, **sign and return 1 copy to Camp.**

At Ivy League Day Camp all participants, staff and campers share the responsibility of developing a climate that will encourage a positive and safe environment. It is the camper's responsibility to adhere to the following on all trips:

INNAPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

1. Be aware and abide by all camp and program rules and procedures. If you are not sure of something then ask. Don't risk getting into trouble. Problems with behavior could result in your being sent home immediately, missing a week of trips or being removed from the program for the rest of the summer.
2. Respect the rights and the authority of all staff. Remember that the counselors are responsible for you while you are away from home and they will do what is needed to make Camp safe and enjoyable for everyone. If you get an answer that you don't like from one counselor, don't ask another one hoping to get an answer that you want.
3. Respect the opinions and individual differences of fellow campers. Everyone is different. Your ideas might be different from someone else's, however that does not make you right or them wrong. Try to think about what you say and how it will make someone else feel. Name calling such as "loser", "stupid", "idiot", "moron" are unacceptable, here, no one wants to be called one of these hurtful words even in jest.
4. Understand that dismissal from Camp may take place for violation of any federal, state or local laws. Use of tobacco, drugs and alcohol will not be allowed and will be the grounds for dismissal with no refund of tuition. Shoplifting will result in immediate dismissal from Camp with no refund of tuition.
5. Avoid swearing or inappropriate language. Words such as "shut up" and "suck" are also unnecessary here.
6. Respect your camp bus drivers and their need to focus on the road while driving. If someone wants you to know something about them they will tell you. Gossip and talking behind people's backs is unnecessary, very unkind and can be extremely hurtful.
7. Respect the personal dignity, opinions and possessions of others. If someone chooses not to share their possessions with you, that is their decision.
8. Treat the employees of the places where we visit, eat or stay with respect and use good manners.
9. Protect and properly care for all equipment used in the program.

SUPERVISION AND SAFETY

1. Be willing to volunteer information in matters relating to the health, safety and welfare of the group. Telling a staff member something that you think we should know is not squealing. You need to speak with a counselor immediately, if you hear another camper talking about something that is either dangerous, dramatic or unsafe. Please do not ever be afraid to speak with an adult at any time.
2. Understand the need for supervision and accountability in your whereabouts at all times.
3. At no time are you to be alone; you must be with a buddy at all times. (Grads must be with their counselors at all times)
4. Help to keep all areas we use clean and "better than we found them". Clean up after yourself at meals and before hotel check out. Keep bus clean.
5. Respect your camp bus drivers and their need to focus on the road while driving. Keep the noise level on the vehicle down and adhere to all safety rules. Wear a seat belt properly in vehicles and refrain from behavior that would be disruptive to the driver.
6. **Leave beepers, two-way radios, DVD players, laptop computers, anything that plugs into a TV at home.**
7. **Cell phones and photo cell phones are not encouraged and should not be taken on day trips. (If a problem arises, the Group Leader and counselor need to know immediately, before any calls are made on Cell phones to anyone who is 100's of miles away.) Camp reserves the right to take away any of the above equipment if it interferes with the safe operation of the travel program or if used inappropriately while on overnights or after curfew hours. Inappropriate use ie: taking photos of unclothed campers.**
8. If you are not sure of something then ask. Don't risk getting into trouble. Behavior problems could result in being docked from activities or being dismissed from Camp. Take responsibilities for yourself and your actions. It is up to you to make good or bad choices.
9. Be aware of the daily schedule and be on time. Make sure you know what you need to have with you for the day and what times you need to be somewhere.
10. Take responsibility of taking home late night notices and other handouts for your parents.

HOTEL ISSUES FOR OVERNIGHTS

1. Respect all property. Keep hotel room clean and as good as it was when you first found it.
2. Understand that your parents will be charged for any damage in hotels or on busses caused by your actions. If something breaks, or is spilled or there's a problem, tell someone as soon as possible so that something can be done to fix the situation.
3. Understand the need for a curfew and designated quiet times appropriate to place and time.
4. Agree to not leave your hotel room/lodging after curfew. Understand that other people are at the hotels and we need to be considerate of them.
5. **PARENTS MAY BE CALLED AT ANY TIME BY THEIR CHILD AND COUNSELOR TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY ARE OUT OF THEIR ROOMS**
6. **AFTER CURFEW.**
6. You need to be considerate of your roommates too, when they want to go to sleep. Agree to no hotel prank calls.
7. At no time do you invite someone back to where you are staying or arrange to meet someone at a later time.
8. Safety is our main concern and you must take responsibility to stay in your room at the designated times. **Do not open your door after curfew for anyone except your counselors.** Call your counselor's room immediately if there is a problem.
9. Understand that phone calls may be made home only at designated times and never from your hotel rooms. Counselors will let you know when you can make calls.
10. When in hotel rooms, if a problem occurs, **call the Group Leader immediately.**

Please be aware that any inappropriate behavior that puts oneself or other campers at risk, may result in dismissal from Camp with no refund in tuition.

Camper Name (Please Print) _____

Signature of Camper _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Thank you for your cooperation. We are looking forward to a great summer.

