



CODE OF CONDUCT

*Please review with your child(ren) before signing the enclosed Signature Sheet
Campers entering 6th grade and older must also sign the enclosed Signature Sheet*

The entire Scatico community looks up to our older campers. They take on leadership roles in program areas—running evening activities, Color War, College Bowl, and Tribes, for example—and are also given more privileges—additional coed activities, trips, and later curfews. Year after year, the campers can't wait until they are considered "upper hill." The success of our program is largely based on:

- High standards of care for your children
- High expectations of ourselves and our staff
- A value system explained to staff, campers and families
- Boundaries clearly defined for campers and staff
- A strong partnership with our parents

We know that you share our belief that camp is a great place to strengthen a youngster's sense of responsibility and personal code of ethics. We expect your children to:

- Serve as positive role models for the younger campers by respecting all members of the community as well as personal and camp property
- Be on their best behavior on trips out of camp and respect the rules and property of the places we visit
- Abide by our policy regarding "What to Bring and Not Bring to Camp" outlined below
- Understand that they are accountable for their actions and to accept the consequences for inappropriate behaviors

This code of ethics extends to the year-round use of cyberspace. Profiles, pictures, and messages on Internet vehicles, such as myspace.com and facebook.com, need to be bully-free zones and devoid of illegal, sexual, or other inappropriate content. Campers can be dismissed for offensive or inappropriate materials on personal pages or blogs.

There is **zero tolerance** of the following:

- Bringing into camp or using illegal drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes
- Leaving camp grounds without supervision or permission
- Physical, emotional, or verbal abuse of any member of the community
- Inappropriate sexual behavior
- Entering the camp of the opposite sex without permission

WHAT CAN YOU BRING AND NOT BRING TO CAMP?

You can bring:

- Ipods (as long as you agree not to watch movies on them, but leave docking stations home), mp3 players, discmen
- Hand-held games, such as gameboys
- Small, battery-operated fans for next to the bed
- Cameras not to be used for recording or playing moving images
- Blow dryers and other hair appliances are allowed, but their use is very restricted
- One or two plastic bins for underneath the bed
- On Opening Day, each camper can bring to their cabin a shoe-box-sized container of snacks (no drinks)

By leaving these items at home you are sending the right message to your children about following rules:

- Cell phones. Last summer we confiscated several cell phones from campers. This was upsetting to them.
- Other communication devices (pagers, beepers, walkie-talkies)
- Devices that record or play moving images, such as TVs, dvd players, PSPs, lap-tops, palm pilots, blackberries, game systems (game cube, playstation, etc.)
- Drawers or bins that do not fit underneath the bed
- Electrical appliances, hot pots, or any cooking equipment
- Expensive equipment, jewelry, or clothing (We will not assume responsibility for personal items.)
- Drinks of any kind, including bottled water and juice boxes
- Weapons or explosives of any kind: BB guns, super-soaker water guns, fireworks
- Personal sports equipment not listed on the "clothing list"
- First-aid medications, such as Tylenol or aspirin (the Health Center stocks these). It is against New York State law to keep medications (even over-the-counter ones) in cabins.