Camper Behavior

Parents/Guardians

Serious problems concerning camper behavior at Camp Augusta are rare. Most inappropriate behavior is directly related to typical reactions of campers to a new environment. This is a normal byproduct of children's transitions as they grow, gain independence, and establish personal identities that will carry them through life. We anticipate these behaviors and train our staff to address them in a positive manner. Believe it or not, we enjoy this aspect of child development, and our role in learning more about children, while helping them through the issues that can lead to problems surfacing.

Occasionally, there are cases in which campers are unresponsive to the techniques we use to address behavioral concerns. See the "Partnering with Parents" section of the Camp Augusta website for more details on these techniques. A camper who continues to struggle, after numerous attempts to address concerns, can end up having a very negative impact on other campers' experience of Camp Augusta. While we do our best to support all campers' individual needs, there are occasions where doing so is detrimental to the happiness of the larger community of campers. In the event this is the case, a camper may be sent home before the end of their session. This is a critical understanding and agreement.

Parents, please take a few minutes to discuss your campers' behavior and its relation to the success and positive nature of our camp community. We certainly do not anticipate having to dismiss any camper, however they need to be aware of appropriate behavior and the consequences of inappropriate behavior.

Parent Signature: _____

Campers

At Camp Augusta, we expect that each camper will treat our staff, fellow campers, and facilities with care and respect. Some activities at camp have an element of risk associated with them. Therefore, campers must have the ability and willingness to follow directions. Camp Augusta reserves the right to dismiss a camper whose conduct or influence is, in the opinion of Camp Augusta, harmful to the best interest of the camp community. In the event of early dismissal from camp, there will be no refund of any part of the camp fee.

I (camper name) _____ understand that I play an important part in the enjoyment of every camper and staff member at Camp Augusta. I will do my best to treat everyone in my camp community with caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. Bullying in any form is unacceptable behavior. If I am having trouble with this, or with the way other campers are treating me, I will talk to my counselor, village leader, or camp director immediately. I am coming to camp to have fun!

Camper Signature: _____

Please see "Special Needs" note in Parent Handbook
Thanks for your help!

Please Turn Over

Established Guidelines for Cabins

At Camp Augusta, we believe in good hygiene and good health. During your time here, you are likely to get pretty dirty and a bit worn out. It is for these reasons that we've established the following common guidelines:

- **shower once each day**
- **brush your teeth in the morning and at night before bed**
- **eat three full and balanced meals every day**
- stay hydrated - **carry your water bottle with you everywhere you go** and drink water regularly
- **follow the rule of three (always travel in groups of 3 or more)**

Finally, Camp Augusta is a place of wish, wonder and surprise. The air here is clear and fresh, and the sounds of the forest can be quite lovely and sublime. Many campers come here just for that luxury, to be in nature and rest in the calm, peacefulness of the forest. It is our expectation that you will **not cloud up the atmosphere with swearing, offensive language or social cruelty** during your time here.

We are thrilled to have you at camp this year!! **Please respect the guidelines above** and have a blast in this wonderful home away from home!

Like to chat more about it?

As a parent, if you disagree with the above, we welcome you to address this before your camper arrives at camp. We can be reached via email at office@campaugusta.org or phone at 530-265-3702.

If any camper in the cabin wishes to challenge one of these guidelines, during a rest hour, invite a guest staff member to discuss the point you wish to change. If a reasonable conclusion is not managed, a rest hour or playstation meeting with a group of staff and campers who are interested in the discussion will be arranged to bring up your reasonable proposal for change.

I (camper's name) _____ understand the cabin guidelines written above and agree to abide by these and any additional agreements that my cabin may determine together as a group while at camp. If I have any questions or wish to challenge a guideline, I'm aware that camp Augusta will offer me the time and space to address my desire for change in a conversation initiated by me.

Camper signature: _____ Date: _____

I (parent's name) _____ support the above guidelines and affirm that any questions or concerns of any nature in relation to the guidelines have been shared with and addressed by Camp Augusta staff. I also affirm that I have not made any amendments to the agreements with my child(ren) either verbally or in writing as I understand that it would under mind and invalidate the commitment that my child is making by signing the above. Any agreements or amendments I wish to make with/for my child will be discussed with Camp Augusta staff prior to my child attending camp.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Should there be anything you'd wish to share with us regarding the above, please comment here:

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