

CAMPER CONDUCT POLICY

Camp Tamakwa is a children's village where campers live and play in a safe, creative, nurturing habitat. To foster that comforting sense of security, we promote mutual respect and harmonious living in our small community.

We know that you rightfully expect from us nothing but the highest of standards. Likewise, we feel it is important for us to be clear on the standards that we set for our campers so we can focus on the most loving, positive, and encouraging environment that we can provide. We routinely state the camp rules to the campers once they arrive in the summer, but we feel that it is in the best interest of our camp community that we further clarify our expectations of our campers with you the parents, as well.

Please read and discuss the following camp policies and topics with your camper(s) in advance of camp. We need your help to maintain a safe and appropriate camp environment.

1. Bullying and teasing other campers is NOT permitted. Physical, verbal or emotional abuse of others will not be tolerated.
2. Behaviour that is harmful or potentially harmful to campers, such as persistent verbal or physical aggression, theft, vandalism or violation of safety rules, will not be tolerated.
3. Campers are NOT allowed in cabins of the opposite sex.
4. Raids of any kind on other cabins or cabin mates are NOT permitted, as they often result in personal injury or damage to property.
5. Campers are expected to respect camp's property. Vandalism or destruction of camp property will not be tolerated.
6. Campers are expected to respect each other's property and belongings as a common courtesy.
7. Campers must respect and abide by the NO food policy at camp, which includes bringing food into camp at the beginning of each camp session. Food in cabins results in unnecessary competition among campers and presents a safety hazard by attracting animals and wildlife to camper cabins.
8. Possession or use of ANY cell phones, personal computers, portable TV's, video iPods, iPads, e-readers, DVD players, Sony PSP's, walkie-talkies, hair dryers, or hair straighteners (and other appliances listed in the Green Book) is NOT permitted and items will be confiscated and NOT returned to the camper or his/her parents and WILL be donated to charity. Musical audio devices without a screen are allowed in camp for use in cabins.
9. Possession or use of any hot pots or other cooking devices is NOT permitted.
10. Possession or use of any tobacco products, including cigarettes, is NOT permitted.
11. Possession or use of any illegal drug or substance, including alcohol, is NOT permitted. We are a zero tolerance camp.

In the event that campers do not respect others or the standards listed above, Camp Tamakwa will counsel campers, involve their parents when appropriate, and take appropriate action. As our camper enrollment agreement provides: "Camp reserves the right to dismiss a camper when it is deemed to be in the best interest of either the child or camp or for violation of any camp rule. No refunds shall be given under any circumstances after May 1, 2016".

No, Tamakwa hasn't changed. We are still the fun and magical children's village in the wilderness we have always been.

We are still the camp where you can "check your worries and your troubles at the door, and you'll have a better time than you've ever had before", as the song goes.

But, experience suggests we can improve upon our mandate to be proactive in educating our campers on matters that will enhance everyone's summer camp experience.

Thank you for helping us achieve our goal of maintaining a safe, appropriate and respectful camp community. This has always been and will always be integral to the Tamakwa experience.