



LETTER TO MY COUNSELOR

to be completed by the camper

You are important to us! We would like to know more about you. Please share with us what makes you a happy camper! Thanks!

Dear Counselor,

My name is _____ My friends call me _____

I have _____ brothers age _____ and _____ sisters, ages _____. My favorite things to do are _____

I am good at _____

I am coming to Wolf Ridge because _____

I hope to be able to try the following things while at Wolf Ridge _____

I get along with friends who _____ I would like to room with _____

_____ Last summer I _____

I have finished the _____ grade at school. I'm excited to have you as my counselor. I will follow your guidance and here's the best way to help me become a safe, happy and successful camper _____

I know every camper needs to try all that camp has to offer. If I am afraid, or get upset, I will let you know by talking to you and you can help me get back on track by _____

Here is something unique you should know about me _____

Other important things I want you to know about me are _____

Wolf Ridge's Summer Camp Program strives to introduce you to new experiences and opportunities for learning. The counselors and naturalists works together to keep you safe while allowing you to have fun and learn. It is our responsibility to do this. But, you and your parents/guardians also have a responsibility for making the session successful. This agreement outlines some of the things we expect of campers and parents. Thank you for reading and agreeing to follow these behavior guidelines while at Wolf Ridge.

Please read and complete both sides

Please complete this form and mail it back to Wolf Ridge 2 weeks prior to your child's session.

Mail to
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6282 Cranberry Road
Finland, MN 55603

Fax or
email
mail@wolf-ridge.org
218-353-7762

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Wolf Ridge's Summer Camp is a place where people of many different backgrounds come to enjoy the outdoors and build new friendships. We ask that all participants join us with a mind open to new ideas, activities, and people. Sometimes campers are not prepared to be a part of the Wolf Ridge Camp Community and their behaviors require attention. Our staff does their best to address these behaviors as they arise but other actions may be required to maintain Wolf Ridge as a safe and open place for all campers. These actions include:

- Removing the camper from an activity or group
- Calling home for a discussion with parents
- Requesting that the parents pick up the camper early

CONSERVATION, KITCHEN PATROL, RECYCLING DUTY & STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

Our hope is to model conservation behaviors as best we can. We turn out lights, recycle and reuse materials, and pick up trash around campus. As a community, we help with the day-to-day chores of Wolf Ridge including helping to serve food and to clean up in the dining hall, keeping our living space clean, transferring recyclable materials to our recycling station, and participating in Stewardship projects around the Wolf Ridge campus. These actions promote a sense of ownership and camper pride.

SNACKS & FOOD

Wolf Ridge provides three meals a day in the dining hall or on the trail. Wolf Ridge is also a peanut reduced campus. This means, that no peanut or tree nut products can be in the dorms or dining hall facilities.

Evening snacks are also available for campers. With this in mind, please leave personal snacks at home. Snacks in the bedrooms of the dormitory lead to messes and attract critters. Counselors collect and store snacks that campers bring to camp. Wolf Ridge returns those snacks when campers leave.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please leave all cell phones, iPods, and electronic games at home. If you choose to bring them for the trip to and from Wolf Ridge on the bus, please understand all devices brought to Wolf Ridge will be collected by the Wolf Ridge Staff and returned before departure.

TELEPHONES

Phones are unavailable for participants and can be used only in a family emergency with the permission of the program directors. Please leave cell phones at home. Parents/Guardians, feel free to call our office during business hours to check in with the directors of the program, but realize that you will not be able to speak to campers directly at that time.

REST HOUR

Every afternoon, all participants at Wolf Ridge's Summer Camp have an hour of rest until the afternoon activities begin. This is a time to catch up on sleep, read, write letters, play silent individual games, draw, and relax. It is a time of needed recuperation from group activities. Please be prepared for this time by bringing writing or drawing materials, and books.

WILDERNESS TRIP SPECIFIC POLICIES

Wilderness travel can be emotionally and physically challenging. Such challenges promote new skills and confidence. They can also be stressful. Participants will need to remember that patience and kindness will help the group succeed. As well, Wolf Ridge adheres to Leave no Trace practices and any applicable wilderness guidelines for the area of travel. As a close-knit wilderness community, participants should expect to pitch in with all day-to-day camping chores. Wolf Ridge cultivates a strong reputation by meeting all fellow wilderness travelers with respect and courtesy.

AFTER READING THE POLICIES ABOVE, PLEASE SIGN BELOW

We have read the Wolf Ridge Summer Camp Policies outlined above. We agree to follow the policies while attending this program and understand the potential consequences if we do not follow these policies.

Signature of Camper _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____