



CAMPER BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS & AGREEMENT

Wolf Ridge's rules and agreements are founded on RESPECT. They are laid out here in much the same manner that we discuss them at camp. To help your camper have the best possible time at Wolf Ridge we encourage parents/guardians and campers to discuss these behavior expectations in advance of camp.

RESPECT FOR OURSELVES Take good care of yourself. Stay safe. Do your best at whatever you choose to do. If you need help, feel bad, or are sick, please tell a staff person. If you have an idea, please share it. Remember that you are a valuable part of making camp a positive experience for everyone.

RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER Treat people as you wish to be treated. Every camper may not be your best friend, but we ask you to treat each person well. Listen to each other and to your counselors. No fighting, name calling, or verbal abuse is allowed.

RESPECT FOR OUR CULTURE At Wolf Ridge you have the opportunity to make friends with staff and campers from many backgrounds. We do not tolerate insults or poor treatment based on race, social class, language, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability or any other difference.

RESPECT FOR THE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, AND BELONGINGS Take good care of your belongings, other camper's belongings and Wolf Ridge equipment and materials you use at camp. Ask before using something that does not belong to you. Treat these items well so they can be used outside of your particular camp session, and prevent hard wear and tear on equipment. Accidents happen, and we know things can break sometimes. Treating equipment and belongings with respect can prevent issues with other campers, lost items or equipment being rendered unusable.

RESPECT FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT & SURROUNDINGS Take good care of the forests, lakes, streams, animals, trails and property that make up Wolf Ridge. Do not break branches off living trees or pick flowers without consent. Be respectful of the insects and other wildlife that call Wolf Ridge home. Our hope is to model conservation behaviors and compassion as best we can. We turn off 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. Try to leave Wolf Ridge and its inhabitants in better condition than when you found them.

SNACKS & FOOD

Wolf Ridge provides three meals a day in the dining hall or on the trail. Wolf Ridge is also a peanut and tree nut free campus. This means that no peanut or tree nut products can be in the dorms or dining hall facilities. Evening snacks are 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 depart campus.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

At Wolf Ridge, we try to maintain a wilderness experience free from the disruptions of mass media and technology- do not bring CD/MP3 players, iPods or cell phones with you to camp. 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 prior to camp departure.

TELEPHONES

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

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.

BEHAVIOR CHALLENGES AT CAMP

All camp activities are designed to reinforce the characters and principles of the Wolf Ridge Summer Camp Program. When working with children, our staff uses a strength based approach of behavior management. If a camper's behavior is disruptive to the experience of others, appropriate action will be taken by staff. Most incidents are handled effectively by staff, but if behavior problems continue, we will always call parents to enlist your help. Campers who are continuously disruptive and the behavior challenges are not being solved, a guardian will be asked to retrieve the camper from camp. If an incident should occur, Wolf Ridge will institute a behavior plan with the camper to help them overcome any challenges they may be facing with their group. This is a 4 step plan and includes: 1. Verbal warning and positive redirection provided. 2. Written contracts between the Counselors, Wolf Ridge staff and campers will be made. This allows the camper to provide input about the process and have some ownership over what may happen should the incident keep occurring.

This contract is signed and kept in confidence between the camper, Counselors and Wolf Ridge staff. No other camper would be involved unless the initial incident included another camper. 3. Parents will be contacted by the Camp Director for further behavior management consultation and the camper will be provided with a final warning. 4. Camper would be removed from camp and parents/guardians are notified and a plan is made to come retrieve camper. Wolf Ridge does have a Zero Tolerance Policy on violence. Any act of violence, including bullying, towards any person, animal, equipment, property or facilities will result in a camper being immediately sent home.

AGREEMENT & UNDERSTANDING

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