

## CODE OF CONDUCT

For Campers at Big Stone Camp for Christ

### Statement of Purpose

Our goal for each child attending a summer camp program is to have an experience of Christian community in which the camper is safe and grows spiritually and socially. Because of this goal, campers are encouraged to participate in all camp activities to the best of their ability. Likewise, campers are encouraged to treat one another and the staff with mutual respect. During a week in camp, in the course of activities, it is natural that there will be conflicts within cabin groups and between campers and their counselors. It is resolving these conflicts – in the give and take of negotiation – that some of the most important lessons of a week at camp are learned.

Occasionally, however, behavior on the part of a camper may become as disruptive as to require his/her removal from camp because conflicts cannot be resolved. Therefore, the following guidelines are presented for children during their week at camp. Parents are encouraged to review these guidelines with their children.

1. Abide by the rules and regulations of the camp.
2. Use language appropriate for the Christian community.
3. Respect the rights, privacy and property of others.
4. Respect the property and facilities of the camp.
5. Wear appropriate clothes for activities as suggested by camp staff.
6. Engaging in or threatening acts of physical, sexual or verbal abuse is prohibited (camper/camper or camper/staff).
7. Possession or use of tobacco, e-cigarettes, alcohol, or any illegal substance or paraphernalia is prohibited.
8. Possession or use of weapons is prohibited.
9. Possession of cell phones or other electronics is prohibited. When a camper is caught with cell phone or other electronics, parents will be called immediately to come get the device.
10. Campers out of cabins past curfew without counselor's permission may be sent home.

### Disciplinary Action

Big Stone Camp for Christ will attempt to be fair on assessing consequences for camper behavior. When appropriate consequences shall be given in a progressive order in relation to the severity and/or frequency of the infraction(s). The specific disciplinary action and severity of punishment for inappropriate camper behavior will be handled by the Camp Director and/or the Board of Directors. Law enforcement officials will be involved when laws have been broken. Parent/guardians and campers will be made aware of their rights under the law.

### Zero Tolerance Policy

Because we want campers to be able to experience the safest week possible, Big Stone Camp for Christ has adopted a zero tolerance for the following behaviors.

1. Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes, or any illegal substance or paraphernalia.
2. Possession or use of weapons of any kind.
3. Theft.

4. Physical assault or threats of harm to self or others.
5. Sexual violence.

**Any camper who willfully violates any of the above rules will be dismissed immediately.**

### **Search of Personal Belongings**

In order to provide for the safety of campers and staff, Big Stone Camp for Christ retains the right to search all personal belongings of every camper who attends camp-sponsored events. If any staff member has reasonable suspicion that a camper possesses any substance, article or weapon that is in violation of the code of conduct, the Executive and/or Program Director(s) have the right to perform a search of the camper and the camper's belongings. If a camper refuses to be searched, Big Stone Camp for Christ will treat the incident as if the camper were found to be in possession of a substance, article or weapon in violation of the rules of conduct and the camper will be dismissed. If a search is performed, the Program Director(s) will determine the appropriate time and place and will have the camper present during the search.

### **Reimbursement of Fees**

If a camper is dismissed due to inappropriate behavior, no refund of camper fees will be available.

### **Admission Agreement**

In signing this section, I acknowledge that I have read through the above code of conduct with my child. I am aware that my child is expected to cooperate and participate in all camp activities. Likewise, I am aware that my child is expected to abide by all regulations governing personal conduct and use of camp property. If my child does not cooperate, or becomes a hindrance to the camp program, I understand that my child will be sent home.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian signature is required.**

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Camper Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Camper signature is required.**

**Please return this agreement – signed by both parent/guardian and camper - with registration. Campers will NOT be admitted without this signed form. Thank you for your cooperation.**