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## **Behavior Contract**

The mission of Camp High Places is not only to give teens an adventure, but also to give them opportunities to learn about responsibility and how to be a successful part of a team. For this mission to be successful, campers, parents and Camp High Places must agree on the expected behavior of the participant.

**PARENTS AND CAMPERS, PLEASE GO OVER THIS FORM AND INITIAL EACH PART:**

**INITIAL HERE**

**PARENT   CAMPER**

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper is expected to participate in group activities.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper agrees to takes turns with duties such as clean up, cooking, camp setup, and the like to ensure the smooth running of camp.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper is expected to be courteous, friendly and respectful to all other campers and our staff.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper is expected to be independent in their personal hygiene and personal grooming. (Please understand that this is camp and as such there is not always facilities like home. Flexibility is required.)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper is expected to deal with problems with other campers in a safe, calm manner and will always choose to resolve issues in a mature and respectful way.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper agrees to discuss any issues that make them uncomfortable while at camp with a staff member of Camp High Places.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper understands that social cruelty (Bullying, teasing, sarcasm and criticism or words that are intended to be a "put down") will not be tolerated and can result in a camper being dismissed from camp and returned home at parents expense without any refunds for days missed.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper understands that Camp High Places has a zero tolerance policy for any type of physical violence (Hitting, fighting, restraining etc) and will result in immediate dismissal from our program to ensure the safety of all campers. Such actions will result in removal from the program at parents expenses without refunds for any days missed.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper understands that Camp High Places reserved the right to dismiss any camper that causes any other camper to feel threatened, uncomfortable or bullied. Dismissal will result in being returned home at parent's expense without any refund for any missed days.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Campers is coming to camp to have FUN and should expect to participate in all activities to ensure that the trip is fun.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camper agrees to stay with the group at all times throughout the trip and will only go to any place in groups of three or more and only with the knowledge and permission of a staff member of Camp High Places.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Camper agrees to wear their Camp High Places T-shirts when the group is in crowded public places (San Francisco, Santa Cruz Board Walk, Sacramento, Los Angeles etc). And that the T-shirt will be worn all day and will be visible to Camp High Places staff.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Campers will not use cell phones, computer games or hand held electronics on the trip (IPODS and walkmans are okay at appropriate times: i.e. Rest hour, to wind down at night and times when campers are not expected to be social).

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Campers will be responsible for their own belongings keeping them neat and together at all times. When we stop for laundry campers are expected to do their own laundry with help from our staff.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Campers will behave in a safety conscious manner at all times especially while in Camp High Places vehicles.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Campers understand that if their behavior, actions or disregard for social expectations make it necessary for them to be sent home it will be at the teenager's parent's expense without any refund for days missed. Parents also understand that by signing below they are giving Camp High Places permission to charge their credit card or bill them for the entire cost of sending their teenager home.

**We have read and agree to the above statements we have initialed entirely.**

Parents Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARENTS READ AND SIGN:**

PROBLEMS CONCERNING CAMPER BEHAVIOR AT CAMP HIGH PLACES ARE RARE. MOST INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO TYPICAL REACTIONS OF CAMPERS IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS A NORMAL BYPRODUCT OF CHILDREN'S TRANSITIONS AS THEY GROW, GAIN INDEPENDENCE, AND ESTABLISH THEIR PERSONAL IDENTITIES THAT WILL CARRY THEM THROUGH LIFE. WE ANTICIPATE THESE BEHAVIORS AND TRAIN OUR STAFF TO DEAL WITH THESE BEHAVIORS IN A POSITIVE MANNER. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE ENJOY THIS ASPECT OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND OUR ROLE IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT KIDS, WHILE HELPING THEM THROUGH THE ISSUES THAT MAY LEAD TO ANY PROBLEMS THAT SURFACE.

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE UNUSUAL CASES IN WHICH CAMPERS ARE UNRESPONSIVE TO THE TECHNIQUES WE HAVE FOUND EFFECTIVE IN OUR PAST EXPERIENCES. AN UNRESPONSIVE CAMPER CAN HAVE A VERY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON MANY OTHER CAMPERS' STAY AT OUR CAMP, WHICH WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. CAMP HIGH PLACES WOULD CHOOSE TO KEEP ALL CAMPERS AT CAMP TO MEET ANY INDIVIDUAL NEEDS THEY MAY HAVE, BUT CANNOT DO SO WHEN THIS IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE HAPPINESS OF OTHER KIDS. PARENTS, PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO DISCUSS YOUR CAMPER'S 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 SHOULD BE AWARE OF APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR CAMPER READ AND SIGN:**

AT CAMP HIGH PLACES, WE EXPECT THAT EACH CAMPER WILL TREAT OUR STAFF, FELLOW CAMPERS, AND FACILITIES WE VISIT 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 HIGH PLACES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISMISS A CAMPER WHOSE CONDUCT OR INFLUENCE IS UNSATISFACTORY OR, IN THE OPINION OF CAMP HIGH PLACES, 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'S NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ UNDERSTAND THAT I PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE ENJOYMENT OF EVERY CAMPER AND STAFF MEMBER AT CAMP HIGH PLACES. I WILL DO MY BEST TO TREAT EVERYONE IN MY CAMP COMMUNITY WITH RESPECT, COURTESY, AND DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP MY FELLOW CAMPERS. IF I AM HAVING TROUBLE WITH THIS OR WITH THE WAY OTHER CAMPERS ARE TREATING ME, I WILL TALK TO THE CAMP DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY. I AM COMING TO CAMP TO HAVE FUN!

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_