

Camp Dark Waters Teen Adventure Camp Program Agreement

Being out on the trail involves more responsibility for yourself, your equipment, and your team than being a camper at Camp Dark Waters (CDW) did. We believe that each person is crucial to the group, and it is our goal to form groups that will generate the most positive experience in each trip. This agreement is an understanding that Camp Dark Waters will do everything it can to help form a wonderful team, and that these terms are to support that goal.

These guidelines make sure we can have fun!

Acceptance Policy

Applying to be a part of Teen Adventure Camp does not guarantee a place on the trip. Camp Dark Waters reserves the right to deny acceptance to any applicant. The Camp Director and TAC Directors are trusted to discern when a camper is not ready for a trip or when the program is unable to serve the needs of a camper. CDW will do its best to ensure gender balance. Applications will be processed in the order they are received, including any additions to a waitlist. If one trip fills its slots, applicants will be considered for the other trip before being added to the wait list. Though we do not anticipate a lack of applications to be an issue, CDW reserves the right to cancel a trip due to insufficient numbers. CDW may request an interview to clarify an applicant's suitability for the program.

Behavior

Wilderness travel requires a commitment to the group, as well as a commitment to safety. Use or possession of any form of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drug will result in an immediate return home without a refund, the first time. Transportation in this case will be the family's responsibility financially and otherwise from the current location of the trip. Disruptive behavior or leaving campsites without permission will result in the same, as will inappropriate contact with members of the same or opposite gender. The TAC Directors will have ultimate authority to make the decision regarding your ability to remain with the trip. You agree to the highest standards of respect for yourself, the group, and the TAC leaders for the duration of the trip.

Payment, Refunds and Cancellations

There is a \$200 deposit due at the time of application to the program with the remaining fee of \$1,500 due no later than May 1st. Campers with an outstanding balance will not be permitted to join the trip.

If you leave a trip voluntarily after it starts, there are no refunds. If you are sent home for any disciplinary reason, there are no refunds. If you must leave a trip after it starts because of an injury or ailment occurring, we will refund any recoverable funds remaining.

Risk

There is some risk involved with any adventure activity that involves the unpredictable forces of nature. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and security of the campers on the trip. This agreement denotes that you and your guardian acknowledge these risks.

Equipment

You may be required to obtain certain equipment before leaving for the trip. Having the right basic equipment will be fundamental to the success of our trip, and just as CDW will be supplying the right group gear (tents, stoves, bikes, etc), we need you to bring the right gear for yourself. This will keep us moving along and not slowed down by things like blisters, broken straps or leaky tents. Though it's not a complete list, at minimum you will need hiking boots, a hiking backpack and a sleeping bag. Once you are accepted to join a trip, more information will be provided. Every effort will be made to keep the cost of these items low.

Good Faith

By signing below you (camper and guardian) are stating that you have read and understood the above Agreement, and that you wish to enthusiastically participate in the program with a positive attitude, a desire to contribute to the group, and a willingness to give your best to each of the program's activities.

Camper's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Guardian's Name: _____

Signature: _____

