

## HOLIDAY CAMPER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

CYC's holiday camps are designed to be an enjoyable and safe experience for all involved, (campers, leaders, staff and parents). The camps are a place where campers can explore the Christian faith and values and what it looks like to know Jesus. It is assumed that all campers want to be on camp and have not been sent against their will.

The Holiday Camper's Code of Conduct applies to all CYC holiday camps.

### OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

It is expected that all those involved in a holiday camp (campers, leaders, staff and parents), understand and respect the camp leadership:

- Cabin leaders are primarily responsible for the welfare of campers. They do this by forming genuine relationships with campers based on mutual trust and a desire to support and encourage
- Second in Charge (2IC's) are responsible for facilitating the program and act as a support to the cabin leaders and camp parents
- Camp parents are responsible for the welfare of both campers and leaders and in partnership with CYC staff, have ultimate oversight of the camp.
- CYC staff facilitate and support the leadership team

It is the responsibility of the leadership team to provide for all campers, an environment where:

- Campers are able to participate in safe, interesting and enjoyable activities
- Campers experience healthy, positive relationships with other campers and leaders
- Campers receive fair and just treatment and are treated with dignity and respect

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Campers are expected to participate willingly in all aspects of camp with an understanding of how their actions might impact others. Campers should:

- *Respect themselves*  
Campers should stay hydrated, ensure they get enough sleep, apply sunscreen regularly, eat well and maintain a positive attitude and willingness to try, throughout the camp
- *Respect others*  
Campers should be aware of their actions and how others may feel as a result. Respecting the authority of leaders, and the dignity, including property, of others, is paramount
- *Respect the environment*  
Both the natural and man-made environments are precious to us here at CYC. Willful neglect or damage is not appropriate nor tolerated

### OUR EXPECTATIONS OF YOU

Campers *are* expected to:

- Treat others with respect. Making a genuine effort to get along
- Speak politely using positive and encouraging language
- Genuinely participate in all aspects of camp, ensuring they are on time
- Respect other's property
- Take time to enjoy the atmosphere and community camp provides
- Respect the safety of others, the laws of the land and the values of CYC

Campers are expected *not* to:

- Bully or be a party to bullying, either physically, verbally or emotionally
- Use offensive/abusive language
- Refuse to participate in activities, leave the campsite, use equipment without permission, or knowingly enter areas deemed "out of bounds"
- Steal, use without permission, or in any way, abuse, take or damage another person's property
- Bring to camp items which detract from the atmosphere and community of camp. These items include, but are not limited to, electronic equipment (phones, personal music devices, cameras, digital games),



offensive clothing and dangerous or illegal items (pocket knives, firearms, fireworks, alcohol, cigarettes, non-prescription drugs etc)

Please note, items brought to camp, which are deemed by the leadership to be offensive, dangerous, illegal or distracting from the overall atmosphere and community of camp, will be confiscated and returned upon departure.

### **DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES**

Given that campers understand the responsibilities and expectations as outlined above, it is important that they also understand the process should these responsibilities and expectations be neglected/ignored.

In the event a camper's behaviour is inappropriate, they will be issued with a "first warning" and given the opportunity to correct their behaviour. If this does not occur, the camper:

- may be removed from an activity (this may include activities such as theme parks)
- may be required to make a verbal and/or written apology
- may be required to have some "time out" away from other campers
- may be required to meet with the camp parents and/or campsite manager
- may be required to discuss their behaviour with their parent/guardian via a phone call

If the above fails to produce a change in behaviour, the camper will not be permitted to remain at camp. In the event a camper is not permitted to remain at camp, the camper's parent/guardian will be required to arrange immediate transport home.

Any act of physical violence by a camper towards another camper or leader will result in the camper committing the violent act, being removed from all aspects of camp immediately. The parent/guardian of the camper committing the act of violence, will be required to arrange immediate transport home.

### **DRESS CODE**

CYC requires the use of hats and sunscreen and requests that clothing which could be considered offensive (ie. certain tee-shirt slogans, short shorts and tops) not be brought to camp. Shirts (either tee shirts or rash shirts) should be worn for all water/beach activities. It is required that footwear is worn in all areas of the campsite in line with OH&S policies.