

# MOUNT KISCO RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2023 CAMPER EXPECTATIONS, BEHAVIORALS POLICY, ZERO-TOLERANCE & PHONE POLICY FORM:

Mount Kisco Camp Iroquois is dedicated to providing every camper with a safe, fun, and positive summer experience. As such, we have set standards and expectations for behavior to which all campers, parents/guardians, and camp staff **MUST** agree and adhere to. The following are the guidelines that each camper is expected to follow. Please read and review this form completely with or to your child.

## CAMPER EXPECTATIONS: PLEASE CHECK THE BOX & INITIAL BELOW.

- Follow the rules that staff members and instructors have set out for each activity or trip, etc.
- Be honest and respectful when communicating to and with staff members and other campers (Ie. No Profanity, physical/verbal threats, name-calling, bullying of any kind, etc.).
- Stay with their camp group at all times, unless escorted by a staff member (Ie. Restroom, office, etc.).
- Do their part in keeping the campgrounds and/or bus/trip destination clean (Ie. Clean up after yourselves).
- Keep their hands to themselves at ALL TIMES!! (Ie. Behavioral Policy and Consequences and/or Zero Tolerance Policy Below).
- Be a positive participant in all camp activities.

## BEHAVIORAL POLICY: PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR CHILD, CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(S), AND INITIAL EACH ITEM BELOW.

Any Camper(s) that violates the Behavioral Policy at Camp Iroquois and/or the Extended Day camp could contend with the consequences listed below. ALL offenses/incidents will be documented. **PLEASE NOTE:** any incident depending on its severity may be grounds for suspension and/or immediate termination from the program with NO refund.

**1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE:** The camper will be taken to the Camp Director, receive a verbal warning, and briefly be held out of activity(s). The camper could be suspended/terminated from the program depending on the severity of their actions. The Senior Recreation Leader and Camp Director, with input from the Head Counselor, will discuss the camper's unacceptable conduct, language, etc., and the decided course of action taken. The result of their actions will determine the action taken, depending on the severity of the incident. The Senior Recreation Leader will contact the parent/guardian to inform/explain to them the issue(s), review the situation, the decided course of action taken, and that any additional incidents may result in a suspension/termination from the program. The Camp Director will also explain to the camper why their actions were unacceptable. The Camp Director will also inform the camper that any additional incidents may result in them being suspended/terminated from the program. All of these steps and actions will be documented.

**2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE:** The camper will be taken to the Camp Director immediately, removed from the group for some time deemed fair and appropriate by the Senior Recreation Leader and Camp Director, and explained why this repeated behavior is unacceptable. The Senior Recreation Leader and Camp Director, with input from the Head Counselor, will discuss the camper's unacceptable conduct, language, etc., and the decided course of action taken. The Senior Recreation Leader will again contact the parent/guardian to inform them of the issue(s), review the situation, the decided course of action taken, and that the result of their repeated actions will determine the action taken and may result in a suspension of one or more days or termination from the program, depending on the severity of the incident. The parent/guardian will also be informed that any additional incidents may result in termination from the program. The Camp Director will also inform the camper that any additional incidents may result in termination from the program. All of these steps and actions will be documented.

**3<sup>RD</sup> OFFENSE:** The camper will be taken to the Camp Director immediately, and a phone call will be made to the parent/guardian by the Senior Recreation Leader to please make arrangements to come and pick up your child. The Senior Recreation Leader will explain that the culmination of all the incidents has resulted in termination from the program.

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## ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY:

**PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR CHILD, CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(S), AND INITIAL EACH ITEM BELOW.**

Any Camper(s) that is/are involved in any of the following incidents or situations listed below at Camp Iroquois and/or the Extended Day camp will automatically be suspended and/or terminated from the program. All offenses/incidents will be documented. **PLEASE NOTE:** any incident depending on its severity may be grounds for suspension and/or immediate termination from the program with NO refund.

- Bullying, fighting, or any other violent action. ALL campers involved will be disciplined.
- Hateful language, using profanity, or harassment of any kind.
- Theft or vandalism of any kind.
- Running away from staff members, and/or the group.
- Use of tobacco products, vapes, illegal substances, and/or alcohol.

It is certainly NOT our desire to hold out, suspend, or terminate campers from our program, and most behavioral problems will be corrected long before the third offense/incident occurs. Our policy is designed to resolve behavior issues promptly and with the camper's parents/guardians' knowledge of the actions taken. Poor behavior sometimes affects the entire group of campers and this will NOT be tolerated. The goal of this policy is to prevent any issues that may arise and to keep everyone involved informed.

## CELL PHONE USAGE POLICY:

We understand cell phones are part of everyday living, however, they have no place in the camp setting. Campers with cell phones may bring them to camp, however, just like at school, we ask that they are put on silence, vibrate, airplane mode, or turned off, and kept in their bags during the camp day. **PLEASE NOTE:** If at any time you feel the need or would like to speak with your child please call the Camp Office at: (914) 666 - 2394. We are **NOT** responsible for personal items: lost, stolen, damaged, or broken during camp or camp activities.

**CAMPERS SHOULD NOT TAKE A PICTURE(S) OF OTHER CAMPERS AND POST THEM ON SOCIAL MEDIA WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND/OR CONSENT!**