

SouthWest Baptist Youth Camp Association Community Expectations for Campers

Churches within the SWBYCA participate in a variety of mission trips and service projects throughout the year. In many cases, we willingly prepare ourselves for service by understanding and embracing the cultural expectations and needs within this mission field. Youth camp engulfs us all in all in a mixture of cultures. While we share a common faith in Jesus Christ, our churches develop a unique personality that partially reflects the tone and rhythm of the neighborhood, city, and region where we live. Camp calls each one of us to adapt rather than insist people fit into what our individual group might normally do. These community expectations help us prioritize grace, kindness, courtesy, and respect while we live and serve as a community at summer camp. Violations of these Community Expectations are handled by the Camp Council in conjunction with church leadership. This group determines what amends can be made or if a student will be sent home from camp.

1. Maintain alcohol, tobacco, inhalant, and drug free environment at all times.

2. Show Respect

- For property – personal belongings, host site, vehicles, etc.
- For camp – behavior tempered to accommodate all persons
- For boundary – never leave camp without approval from a Sponsor
- For people – zero tolerance for initiations and hazing

3. Value Modesty

- No person of the opposite sex in designated dorms at any time.
- No pornography – this includes all print (paper) and electronic media
- Dress for the “culture” of a blended church camp not your city or school
(Avoid bare chest and mid-riffs, revealing/tight-fitting clothing, and crude messages.)
- Wear clothing traveling to and from the pool – modest swimwear only.)

4. Adopt Camp Schedule

- Participation is never optional for camp-wide elements.
(for example: Come Alive, Bible Study, Interest Group, C-Group, Worship and Fellowship)
- Stay indoors and quiet (not necessarily silent) at curfew.
- No cell phone use during scheduled events (Bible study, C-groups, fellowships, interest groups, church group times, camp gatherings). This includes calls, texts, internet use, etc. Violation will result in the phone being confiscated and turned in to the appropriate church minister.

5. Prioritize Safety

- No weapons of any kind. Period.
- Stay off the roof (keep windows shut or screens in place).
- No fireworks.

Campers and parents are asked to sign below indicating they read these Community Expectations and agree to honor them while at camp.

Camper's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Signed and Agreed: _____ Date: _____
(Camper)

Signed and Agreed : _____ Date: _____
(Camper's Parent/Legal Guardian)

Witnessed by: _____ Date: _____
(Witness)