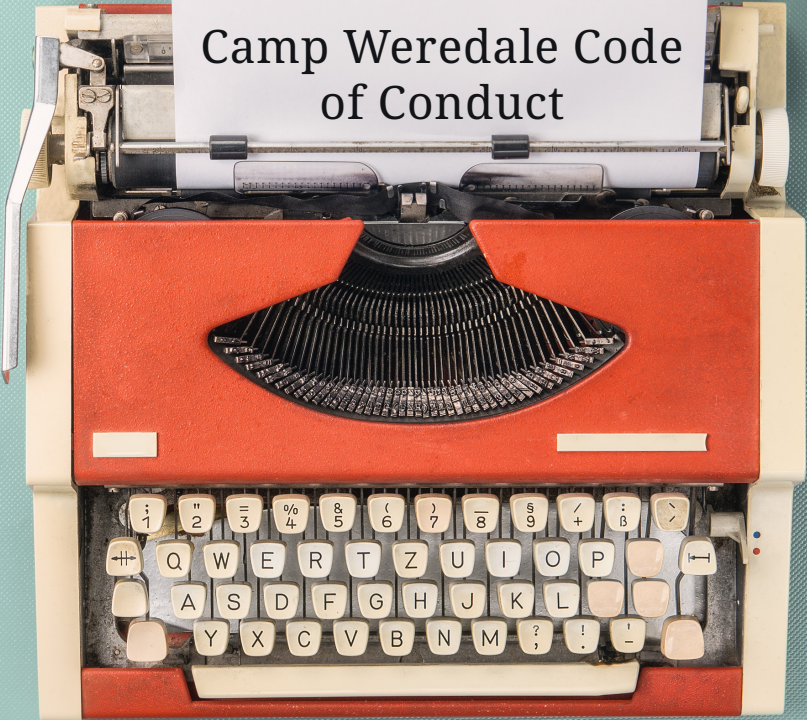


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Living together
Learning about...

Camp Weredale Code
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Welcome to Camp Weredale

Your camp staff will do its best to help you enjoy and get the most out of your camping experience.

Everyone does not have the same needs or interests. By helping us understand what yours are, staff will be better able to support you. Also, group life can be difficult at times. You and everyone around you have certain rights. Along with these come responsibilities too. You will also find that staff have certain expectations. So that everyone can live in a place where they feel safe and free to work things out, there are also rules to live by.

When things don't go well and you want to be heard, choosing the right way is important.

This booklet is written to help you understand what your rights and responsibilities are, what is expected of you, what the rules are and the consequences, that is, what may happen if someone breaks these rules. It also tells you what to do if you feel you are being treated unfairly or are not getting what you need.

Please look at it carefully. If you have trouble reading it or understanding what certain things mean, ask your camp staff. It is important; it is about you and for you.

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At Camp Weredale, there are same wules:

These rules apply to all campers. They have to do with your own safety and the safety of others. At Camp Weredale, you must:

- ♥ Respect the law and the rules of the camp;
- ♥ The following items are not permitted on site:
 - o Alcohol
 - o Drugs
 - o Cigarettes/vapes
 - o Weapons/dangerous objects
 - o Pornographic material
 - o Cell phones
- ♥ Find ways of expressing yourself which are neither verbally (swearing, calling names) nor physically aggressive (hitting, biting, throwing things at others or any way of causing bodily harm);
- ♥ Respect other people's personal property (i.e., no lending, borrowing or taking without permission);
- ♥ Always notify staff of your whereabouts and obtain their permission before leaving a program activity;
- ♥ Follow all specific waterfront rules.

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What is expected of you:

Because you have rights and responsibilities, there are certain things that are expected of you. They have to do with how you look after yourself, how you get along with others and how you take care of what is around you.

It is important for you to understand what is expected of you.

Know that you are an important person and that feeling good about yourself matters. Other people also matter and we know group living is not always easy. Finally, you have a responsibility to look after our camp, yourself, and others around you.

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Therefore we expect that:

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- ♥ You learn and follow camp rules;
 - ♥ You take care of your body (by following basic rules of hygiene, by eating well);
 - ♥ When you are sick, you get the required medical attention;
 - ♥ You dress properly according to your activities and the weather;
 - ♥ You use appropriate language;
 - ♥ You adopt a respectful attitude towards others;
 - ♥ You accept that other people may be different than yourself because of their race, language, culture, religion, sexual orientation;
 - ♥ You accept that others may have different options and experiences which are different from your own and that you are tolerant of their ideas;
 - ♥ You consider and respect the privacy of others;
 - ♥ You try and understand decisions which are made by your staff and find acceptable ways of expressing any disagreement you may have;
 - ♥ That you use equipment, materials and facilities in the proper way and with care; these belong to everyone.

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As a camper, you have the right:

- ♥ To be offered a variety of activities, based on your interests and needs;
- ♥ To be treated with dignity and respect;
- ♥ To be informed of the rules and what may happen if you do not follow them;
- ♥ To live in a place where you feel safe;
To privacy;
- ♥ To confidentiality, so that information about you is appropriately protected;
- ♥ To get medical attention in order to stay healthy;
- ♥ To communicate with your parents, brothers or sisters (unless a judge says you cannot);
- ♥ To be part of the planning which concerns you.

As a camper, you have the right:

- ♥ To be cooperative and respect staff;
- ♥ To follow the camp rules;
- ♥ To participate fully in program activities;
- ♥ To respect other campers.

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With rules come consequences:



When you break a rule or act in a way which causes harm to yourself, others or the camp environment, there may be some natural consequences. For example, if you damage common property (like a rowboat) others are deprived of it and may hold it against you – you may lose trust and have to work twice as hard to gain it back.

At Camp Weredale there exists a range of possible consequences which include:

- ♥ Verbal reminder: A reminder that some thing you are doing is not acceptable and are asked not to continue it;
- ♥ A warning: When it is made clear that a consequence will occur if the behaviour;
- ♥ Confiscation: When an object is taken away with or without the possibility of getting it back;
- ♥ Time-out: When you are asked to leave the group or activity and remain in a specific space for a particular period of time.
- ♥ Restitution or repair: When you are asked to give something back, repair it or render a service to compensate for something you have done;
- ♥ The loss of privileges: When you are denied a particular activity or status;

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Depending on the severity of your actions – you could be removed from camp.

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Your recourse:

This is what you can do when you feel your rights have not been respected:

- ♥ Speak with your counselor:
Your counselors are here to support you, hear your concerns and help you work things out. Often it is through direct communication with them that you can resolve problems which may arise;
- ♥ Speak with the camp director:
If you feel you have not been treated fairly and you are unable to resolve it with the counselor; you should speak with the camp director. They will help you resolve situations to the best of their abilities.

Conclusion:

We hope you will find this booklet helpful. Don't hesitate to discuss its content with your counselor.

We are pleased to have you at Camp Weredale. Be assured we will do everything possible to make your camping program enjoyable and meaningful.

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