

# ZOPPI DEAF CAMP YMCA Camp Linwood MacDonald Camper Code of Conduct

**Keep at Home** 

Dear Campers, Parents and/or Guardians:

YMCA Camp Linwood MacDonald is a very special community where our mission is "to challenge and nurture the individual, build self esteem, instill leadership and social skills, strengthen the body, lift the spirit and sharpen the mind." The following are standards we have established to sustain an environment in which every member of the community can feel welcome and respected. We aim to promote the YMCA Character Values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility in all aspects of our program, and to provide an atmosphere of freedom and a sense of fellowship and enjoyment for all. We ask that all campers and parents/guardians read and sign this code together before arriving at camp.

#### **RESPECT**

- Campers will be respectful, cooperative and will contribute positively to the experience of fellow campers.
- Campers will be careful that their actions won't hurt other campers' feelings or hurt them physically, either intentionally or accidentally.
- Campers will leave rocks, sticks, and soil on the ground

# PERSONAL SPACE AND PROPERTY

- Campers will be respectful of the personal property of other campers/staff.
- Campers will be respectful of camp property.
- Campers will never mark, deface or destroy camp or personal property or nature.
- Campers will not bring mobile telephones or electronic devices to camp.
- Campers may not possess tobacco products, alcohol, or other illegal substances at camp.
- Campers may not possess personal pets, food, knives, weapons, fireworks, aerosol cans, matches, or lighters at camp.

## **EXPRESSION**

Campers must be respectful in their expression through apparel, language, gestures, or writing, without being Profane, obscene, humiliating, degrading, threatening, harassing, hateful, or in any way offensive in reference to race, religion, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, culture, ability, or belief.

## **MEDICINE**

Campers must keep prescription or non-prescription medicine in the Health Office to be distributed by the ZOPPI Deaf Camp Health Officer as prescribed. This medicine will be turned in to the Health Officer in a Ziploc bag with campers name clearly written on it before

getting on the bus in Newark. The Child's name must clearly be written on the Prescription bottle. If your child becomes ill while at camp, the ZDC Health Officer will notify you on the phone to discuss the details.

#### **VALUABLES**

- Valuables are brought to camp at your own risk. We do not recommend that you bring valuables or expensive clothing to camp.
- Camp is not responsible for the theft of or damage to any personal property.

#### **BOUNDARIES**

- Campers will stay with assigned group in the program area.
- Campers will only enter the areas of the waterfront, ropes course, climbing tower, zip line, waterfront or archery ranges when under the supervision of a staff member.
- No campers shall ever enter the lake at any location other than the waterfront or boat dock.

#### **SAFETY**

- Campers will comply with all rules. General safety rules will be introduced on check-in day. Safety rules specific to a program area will be introduced before campers use that program area.
- Campers will protect their feet by wearing closed-toe shoes or sneakers at all times. Flip-flops (and bare feet) will only be worn at the waterfront and in the shower room

## **PHONE**

Campers may not bring personal phones to camp or use the phones at camp, nor may they receive phone calls. All phone messages from family will be passed along through the staff. Messages may be left at 973-948-7090.

# **FOOD**

Campers may not store or eat food in any area of camp other than the dining hall. It attracts unwanted animals and insects.

Campers who break this code of conduct will immediately be removed from camp. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide transportation home.

Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date	_
Signature of Camper	Date	-