

Camper Expectations and Code of Conduct

Our priority at 1870 Farm Camp is to facilitate a fun and magical summer camp experience while keeping our campers and counselors safe. Both counselors and campers have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that provides a physically and emotionally safe atmosphere for all our participants. It is our responsibility as a staff to support your child by being role models, following safety precautions, and managing behavioral incidents in a timely and appropriate manner.

Camper Expectations

Prior to dropping your camper(s) off at camp, it is important that caregivers understand what is expected of 1870 Farm campers.

- Campers must be able to stay with their group and follow directions
- Campers must be able to use the bathroom and change clothes independently
- Campers must be able to forgo an afternoon nap (applies to full day camp)
- Campers must be able to communicate their needs in an age appropriate way.
- Due to our staff capacity, it is important that counselors are not continually pulled away from the full group to address the needs of a single camper. Campers must be independent enough that they are able to operate successfully within a small group.

Parents and Caregivers: Please review the below code of conduct with your camper, sign, and return it on the first day of camp.

Code of Conduct

At 1870 Farm, we **care** for ourselves and those around us. We **trust** each other and are **honest** with our peers and counselors. We **respect** each other and the living things around us. In order to live out these values, we need to be **responsible** for our choices and make decisions that reflect these principles.

In order to have a healthy, safe time at camp, we have some expectations of our campers. **Please review and check each expectation below.**

As an 1870 Farm Camper, I will:

- Be an active member of my small group and be open to making new friends and treating everyone with kindness and respect.
- Communicate my boundaries and needs to my fellow campers and counselors, and listen when they do the same. Sometimes I may need to hear appropriate feedback from others, and that's okay.
- Treat people, animals, and farm property with respect. This means I will listen to instructions, respect people's different physical and emotional boundaries, be gentle with animals, and take good care of the tools and supplies we use at camp.

- Share my concerns with my counselors if I see that others are not being kind or respectful of themselves and each other.
- Leave toys and electronics at home so that I can unplug and fully focus at camp.
- Not share or trade food with other campers to protect others from allergens and other health risks.

If my conduct does not meet 1870 Farm Camp expectations, I understand these steps will be taken:

Please note: 1870 Farm has the right to bypass specific steps at any time and dismiss a camper immediately if we feel they pose a significant safety risk. This includes but is not limited to: physical harm to themselves, other campers, staff, animals, or property; emotional endangerment of others; or inability to function safely within the camp structure and staffing capacity. If a camper is dismissed from camp for failure to comply with the 1870 Farm Code of Conduct, refunds will not be issued.

- **First Violation:** A staff member will address the incident with the camper directly and fill out an incident report. The camper may be removed from the current activity. Caregivers will be contacted immediately and must sign the incident report acknowledging the first warning and confirm that they will discuss the incident with the child to provide support and prevent further violations.
- **Second Violation:** A staff member will remove the camper from the group and the camper will spend time with the leadership team processing the event. An incident report will be filled out. Caregivers will be immediately contacted and may be asked to pick their camper up from the farm. Caregivers must sign the incident report acknowledging the second warning and to confirm they will discuss the incident with the camper to provide support and prevent further violations.
- **Third Violation:** Caregivers will be contacted immediately. The camper will be dismissed from the remainder of the program without a refund. Depending on the severity of the incident, future program privileges may be revoked.

I have read and discussed these guidelines *as well as the current 1870 Farm COVID-19 guidelines* with my camper and we agree to uphold these expectations.

Camper Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Caregiver Signature: _____ **Date:** _____