

Falls Township Parks and Recreation

2015 Summer Camp Code of Conduct

Agreement to Accept and Abide by Rules of the Program

All campers participating in Falls Township's Parks and Recreation's Summer Camp Program shall abide by the following guidelines and rules that apply in all activities within the Summer Camp Program, including during trips and at the Pinewood Pool.

I. General Guidelines

This Code of Conduct is part of Falls Township's continuing effort to provide a fun and safe recreational environment for all participants in the Falls Township Summer Camp Program. Please review these rules before signing your child up for the Program.

Campers are expected to conduct themselves at all times in an appropriate manner, which is respectful and courteous. Respect for others, including property of others, adherence to the rules and guidelines as specified here or by the Program administrators or camp counselors and observance of State and Federal laws are required for participating in the Summer Camp Program.

II. Discipline Rules

The following are strictly prohibited:

- a) Possession and/or use of any illegal substance, including drugs, alcohol, or in the case of minors, tobacco.
- b) Abusive or foul language and/or behavior.
- c) Any activity that endangers the physical safety of another participant, or produces mental or physical discomfort, causes embarrassment, fright or humiliation or ridicule, or degrades another.
- d) Marring, defacing, destroying, injuring, removing or tampering with property of a participant in the program or property belonging to Falls Township or the Pennsbury School District.
- e) Zero Tolerance for Bullying. Bullying means an intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act or series of acts directed at another program participant, that is severe, persistent or pervasive and has the effect of (1) substantial interference with participation in the program; (2) creation of a threatening environment; or (3) substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the program. Acts of electronic bullying that occur outside of camp hours, outside of camp and/or on property not owned by the Township or the Pennsbury School District will be subject to the same disciplinary procedures described herein as those that occur during camp hours or at camp.

f) **Zero Tolerance for Sexual Assault.** Any act of sexual abuse, sexual assault, pressure to engage in any unwanted sexual behavior or harassing sexual conduct by any participant in the program.

g) A participant's violation of State or Federal laws.

h) For campers electing to visit Pinewood Pool, a violation of the Pinewood Pool Rules (which can be found at www.fallstwp.org).

III. Penalty Guidelines

Violations of Paragraphs 1, 5, and/or 6 will not be tolerated and may result in the immediate dismissal of any participant found to be in violation of these provisions, without any refund of fees paid.

For any other violation of this Code of Conduct, the program and its administrators may consider the following guidelines when a violation of any prohibitions outlined herein occurs:

a) For an offense which constitutes a second violation of the Code of Conduct, a participant will be suspended from the program for a period of time to be determined by the program's administrator(s) to be appropriate based on the offending conduct.

b) For an offense which constitutes a third or subsequent violation of the Code of Conduct, a camper will be expelled from the program indefinitely/permanently without refund to the participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

As the administration sees fit, or as is required by law, notification of certain conduct/infractions by a participant will be given to the appropriate law enforcement agency and/or the appropriate school district.

In no event, however, are the above guidelines mandatory, and at any time the program administrator(s) may issue any appropriate penalty, given the facts and circumstances alleged, either more or less severe than described above. Moreover, the program may revoke some, but not all, privileges afforded to a participant as it deems appropriate for any violation of the Code of Conduct.

NOTE: No one has the right to participate in Falls Township's Parks and Recreation's Summer Camp Program; such participation is a privilege accorded by the Township. Therefore, if a participant violates any of the above rules, the participant may be sent home immediately at his or her own cost by whatever means is most convenient for the program's administrator. Moreover, no reimbursement of program fees will be made to the dismissed or disciplined participant or to the participant's family. Determination of the appropriate penalty and/or severity of a particular offense is within the sole discretion of the program administrators.