



GROUP LEADER RULES & GUIDELINES

The Y: We're for Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility

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It is VERY IMPORTANT that you read the following information, and adhere to the Camp Rules & Guidelines while you are here. Thank you so much!

- Proof of liability insurance is due with your Contract and deposit.
- The Camp Carter YMCA staff and/or host will be available to meet the leader of your group and will re-confirm all of your plans upon arrival. We would like, however, that your group leader then meet with the rest of the group so our staff can handle other situations that may arise.
- During the time that you are here, more than one group may be present. Please be respectful of other group's privacy and area. Our Camp Host will be on duty during your stay, so please notify him/her if you need ANYTHING.
- Please take the time to leave the facilities, as you found them CLEAN AND TIDY!
- **Campfires**: It is helpful to start with some small dry kindling & gradually work up to short/medium size logs. Lay the sticks in a triangle or square shape while leaving a space at the bottom for air to assist in the lighting of your fire. Sticks and pieces of wood from the camp may be used. **NOTE**: NO wood may be cut from live trees!

 Bonfires are against the law and prohibited at Camp Carter.
- We ask that you build a fire **ONLY** in the designated area at the Point and in the fire rings at each cabin. Please **EXTINGUISH** it before leaving it unattended. **NEVER LEAVE A SMOLDERING FIRE UNATTENDED**. Your group will be fined if camp staff finds a campfire unattended.
- If there is a **FIRE BAN**, please observe the law and refrain from building any outdoor fires. If your group has a fire outside during a fire ban your group will be fined.

• When meals are scheduled they will be served according to the following schedule unless other arrangements are made prior to arrival. Please be **ON TIME** to all scheduled meals.

Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. Lunch - 12:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

- Being environmentally conscious is important to us. To aid our groups in this awareness we have provided trashcans in various parts of the grounds. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP OUR CAMP CLEAN.
- In keeping with being environmentally conscious, please remember to turn off all lights and water in your cabins when you are not there. Please try to be conservative with the electricity and gas. Setting the thermostats at a level comparable to home settings will conserve energy and help us keep rental costs down.
- The cabin bunk beds are arranged according to fire regulations for your safety. Please **DO NOT REARRANGE OR REMOVE ANY FURNITURE**. If you absolutely need to rearrange something, PLEASE check with the Camp Host.
- Camp Carter YMCA is here for your enjoyment; however we must regulate & prohibit certain items. These include but not limited to:

 Alcoholic Beverages Firearms Pets Illegal Substances
- Our buildings are **smoke-free zones** for the comfort and safety of all our customers. Your observance of this is greatly appreciated. If you must smoke be certain to be very discreet and do not leave cigarette butts on the ground.
- Decorations may be used in the buildings, but **nothing can be taped, glued, stapled, nailed or otherwise adhered to PAINTED surfaces. All decorations must be removed and disposed of upon departure from a building**. There will an additional charge if we have to clean up.

- The plumbing system at Camp Carter is connected to septic tanks for sewage disposal. Please do NOT put paper towels, sanitary napkins, tampons, kitchen food waste, grease or other similar substances down the drains or toilets. These items should be placed in a proper waste receptacle for disposal in the landfill area. Failure to follow this rule could result in the toilets backing up into the cabins and your group being charged for repair.
- Please ask everyone to travel at a slow speed (the Camp Carter speed limit is 10 mph) throughout camp and remain on the road. Riding in the back of a pick-up truck (or any open vehicle) OR on top of any vehicle on camp grounds is **PROHIBITED**. Please drive ONLY on the roadways and park in <u>designated</u> areas. NOTE: **Parking on the grass is also PROHIBITED**. Participants should walk from place to place while in camp, unless they have limited mobility.
- No public pay phone is available. (In case of an emergency see you're Camp Host!)
- Swimming is strictly **PROHIBITED** in the lake and the river located on camp property. If anyone in your group violates this guideline, you do so at your own risk and your group may be asked to leave the camp without refund.