

Overnight Behavior Expectations

A positive, memorable overnight experience can only take place when all campers and staff are abiding by the YMCA's Core Values: caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and equity.

Participants will be *caring* in their relationships with others and their belongings.

Honesty will be the basis for all relationships and interactions.

Participants will *respect* themselves, each other, camp equipment and the environment.

Participants will take *responsibility* for their actions, in any capacity.

Participants will work to understand, acknowledge and practice *equity* in every YMCA activity and space.

The happiness and well-being of everyone involved is of high importance. YMCA staff leading overnight trips have been thoroughly trained in group management, conflict resolution and the skills necessary to provide a fun, safe environment. Every camper must commit to following the 5 core values and sign the overnight contract written by Camp DayCroix and their group.

Failure to do so will prohibit the individual(s) from partaking in the overnight experience.

What Should I Bring to the Overnight?

Camp will provide dinner for the evening, accommodating dietary restrictions as needed, as well as supplies for s'mores, activities, and tents for sleeping.

Camp will provide fridge space to store campers' lunches for Friday, as well as a secure area for your camper's items during the day on Friday.

Any medications taken at night must be dropped off to the Camp Office.

A medication form must be on file in order for Camp Staff to administer your camper's night meds. For safety reasons all medications, with some exceptions for emergency medications, must always be kept in the Camp Office.

Campers should come prepared with the following items, packed together for easy tracking:

Sleeping bag, pillow, and sleeping pad

Flashlight or headlamp

Snacks to be kept indoors overnight if desired

Lunch for Friday

Clothes - extra layers and/or appropriate items for the weather on Thursday night, as well as clothing for Friday during the day

Personal hygiene items needed Thursday night as well as Friday morning

If you are unable to provide of these items but would like to participate, please reach out to Camp!

Camp DayCroix Overnight Contract

Camper Name: _____

Date of Overnight: _____

Counselor Name: _____

Group: _____

As a camper participating in an overnight trip, I agree to conduct myself in accordance with the YMCA 5 core-values and the Camp DayCroix family handbook.

The following are specific requirements for overnight experiences:

1. Campers must stay within the established boundaries, set by the location and their group leaders.
2. Campers must cooperate with and follow the guidelines of the counselor and any additional staff attending.
3. Campers are prohibited from possessing illicit substances, toxic chemicals, or weapons of any type. This includes multi-purpose tools containing blades.
4. Proper attire and weather appropriate clothing is expected.
5. Profanity, obscene language or gestures, and lewd behavior are prohibited.
6. Bullying, initiation activities, and physical violence are prohibited.
7. Campers will abide by all "buddy" or group assignments, and must remain within the permitted areas.
8. Campers are only permitted to gather in common recreational areas under the direct supervision of YMCA staff. Only campers of the same gender identity may sleep in the same tent or cabin. The counselor or other group leaders can administer additional restrictions.
9. Upon curfew, campers are expected to remain in their assigned tent or cabin for the remainder of the night. Exceptions to this must be established by the counselor prior to curfew.
10. Property/environmental vandalism and theft is prohibited. Camper(s) and their families will be expected to pay full restitution if property is vandalized or taken.
11. Campers will help load, unload, and set up any necessary equipment.

Failure to comply with the aforementioned expectations and/or the previously stated behavior expectations may lead to one or more of the following consequences:

1. The camper being restricted from participating in all remaining activities.
2. A required meeting with the Program Director, guardian and camper upon return.
3. The camper being sent home at their expense. Appropriate arrangements must be made for adult supervision of the trip. Therefore, loss of overnight privileges requires a guardian to pick up their child at the designated overnight location.
4. The loss of all costs associated with the overnight.

Additional expectations set by the counselor and the group have been attached to this form. A signature below indicates an understanding and agreement to comply by both the camper and the guardian.

Camper Signature

Date

Dietary Restrictions

Guardian Signature

Date

Primary Phone Number