

YMCA of Greater Boston Camping Services
North Woods and Pleasant Valley
Bully Free Contract

At North Woods and Pleasant Valley, the mental, physical and emotional safety of campers and staff is a cornerstone of what we do. Please take a few minutes to discuss this contract with your camper prior to signing and returning it to us. We believe the partnership between Camp, parents, and campers is vital to a rewarding summer for everyone involved. We want to insure that all parties share a common understanding about Camp's rules and camper expectations. We are entering into a collaboration with you and your child. One great life lesson Camp teaches is responsibility, this contract is just one way we ask campers to take responsibility for themselves.

Participation: Trying new and exciting activities, is an incredible and rare opportunity. Each camper chooses three of their own activities and is responsible for his or her own participation in all aspects of the program. We expect campers to participate in activities at all times.

Behavior & Values: We hope that campers and parents embrace the core values of the YMCA: Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. One of the most important aspects is for campers to conduct themselves in a manner that makes Camp **bully free**.

What does this look like?

- Showing respect for themselves, other campers, staff, and Camp itself.
- Assisting and encouraging fellow campers and helping to create a caring camp community.
- Being honest to themselves and others at all times.
- Respect yourself and each another.
- If anyone sees bullying, we expect they will step in to stop the action and report to the nearest staff member.
- Taking responsibility for his/her own choices and actions. Campers should talk to their counselors if they are having any problems.

Camp Rules: We base our rules on our values to ensure the safety and well-being of all campers and staff. Understanding and following our rules is important. **North Woods and Pleasant Valley staff takes every situation extremely seriously, and address them as they arise.** If the Director needs to call home about a behavior problem, he/she will together with the parent, discuss action to resolve the matter. Following this, an inability to follow Camp rules and YMCA core values may result in a camper being sent home without refund. The parent would be responsible to pick up their child from Camp immediately.

I understand, and agree to make every effort to meet the above guidelines, rules, values, and expectations of North Woods, Pleasant Valley, and the YMCA of Greater Boston.

Camper's Signature

Camper's Name

Date

I have read and discussed this agreement with my child and we understand the expectations. I understand that if my child is unable to abide by the expectations set, I am responsible for arranging their transportation home.

Parent Signature

Parent Name

Date