

2012 Parent Agreement

Read carefully and sign at the bottom of the page indicating your agreement:

Cell Phone Policy (and other items that you should NOT bring)

Please do not bring any type of electronic equipment to camp. Wildwood Ranch has always had a policy of this type regarding electronics at camp, but with the recent rise of "sexting" we feel a responsibility to protect our campers from this activity.

Forbidden items include headphones, radios, CD players, iPods, mp3 players, TVs, pagers, cellular phones, portable game systems, laptop computers, etc. Also, do *NOT* bring knives or any other type of weapon, magazines, nonprescription or illegal drugs, tobacco, or alcohol. Do not bring any medicines that are not in the original labeled container.

ANY & ALL OF THESE ITEMS will be taken and returned to parents / guardians via U.S. Mail or UPS at the parent's expense (flat fee of \$15) or they may be picked up at the camp office in Howell, MI.

Camper Behavior Expectations

1. **Respect yourself** – Participate in all activities willingly and with enthusiasm. Be a willing participant in the group! Give yourself a head start on a productive future.
2. **Respect others** – In the end we can only judge our effectiveness in life by those we encourage and empower within our community. Use this safe environment to show respect for your peers & experience respect flowing back to you.
3. **Respect authority** – They are here for you. Get the most from these relationships.
4. **Respect Wildwood** – Take ownership in the program. Turn out lights when you leave a room, pick up trash (even if someone else left it along the trail) - treat the buildings and grounds with respect. This is your home away from home!
5. **HAVE FUN!!!** Fun and fellowship can be a great catalyst to learning and application. If the above expectations are met, an environment charged with excitement will be produced!

Behavior Management Policies

Step #1: Three strikes with the cabin counselor – minor consequences

Any minor inappropriate behavior is first dealt with at the cabin level. Under normal conditions a cabin counselor will correct a camper three times before taking the camper to the next level of discipline.

Step #2: Visit to the supervisor – more consequences

The next step involves the camper being removed from the cabin group and taken to a supervisor. The supervisor will listen to the camper and offer a route to restoration. Under normal circumstances, such a route will include an apology and an appropriate consequence.

Step #3: Phone call to parent/guardian – more consequences

If the first two attempts to foster appropriate behavior are ineffective - we will call the parent /guardian. It is the responsibility of the parent / guardian to be available (or have someone empowered to act on your behalf) at all times while your child is at camp.

We must be able to contact someone at all times!

Step #4: If nothing has worked thus far, the child must be picked up from camp (NOTE: Wildwood will not be responsible for the supervision of a camper after they have chosen by their behavior to withdraw from the program.) The camper's parent / guardian must arrange transportation from Wildwood Ranch **immediately**.

If a camper consistently displays this inappropriate behavior, they will no longer be able to participate in camp. Furthermore, the supervisors at Wildwood Ranch reserve the right to discontinue any child from the program if their behavior is detrimental to the growth and development of other campers.

Health Related Contact With Parents

You will also receive a telephone call if your child experiences an injury or illness that dictates he go the urgent care or the hospital, or if the health officer wants your input about a health related incident.

I understand the aforementioned policies of Wildwood Ranch. I will talk with my child about these policies before bringing them to camp. I agree that my child may participate under these stated conditions. I understand it is my responsibility as a parent / guardian to enforce these policies and to provide transportation from camp for my child if these policies are not followed.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____