



Camp Hope of SW Washington
12800 NE Roper Rd.
Battle Ground, WA 98604
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Camp Policy #01-2022

A. Cell Phone, Electronics and Camera Policy

1. Please DO NOT send a cell phone with your camper. If you as a parent foresee an issue with this, please call and ask to speak with our Camp Director.
2. Camp is an opportunity to unplug from electronics and enjoy the outdoors, many activities, and friends. Electronics interfere with the goals of camp and distracts others from a positive experience.
3. Campers may NOT use cell phones or other electronics at camp except to contact family for an emergency or to coordinate transportation after camp. Campers must keep their phone in their backpack or leave them home.
4. A camper with an emergency or a need to call home should coordinate with their Team Leader and seek assistance from camp staff first.
5. A camper using their phone at camp without permission will be asked to surrender it to the "Phone Timeout Box" until the end of the day.
6. **No Cameras:** On the Release Of Liability Form parents and guardians may request that camper photos not be shared on social media. Therefore, campers are not permitted to take photos during camp. Staff will screen all photos before posting on social media when using photos to promote camp.

B. NO Knives, Guns, Weapons, Vaping nor Fireworks

1. We do not run activities that necessitate the need for a knife. Please do not allow your camper to bring a knife or pocketknife to camp.
2. No firearms or weapons may be brought to camp by campers.
3. No vaping or smoking is permitted at camp.
4. No fireworks are permitted at camp.

C. Fighting and Bullying Policy

Nothing ruins camp faster than the camp bully. Those caught actively fighting or bullying will immediately meet with our Camp Director, a call home will be made, and depending on the severity of the circumstance, may be sent home immediately. If another camper is injured because of the intentional actions of another person, the offending camper will go home immediately. No refund will be granted.

D. Inappropriate Behavior Policy

While actions such as taunting, teasing, using inappropriate language, disrupting the activity and behaving in inappropriate ways do not necessarily warrant a camper being sent home immediately, we will send campers home if a pattern of behavior arises.

For these types of situations, we have a **three-strike policy**:

1. The **first** documented incident of clearly inappropriate behavior will result in a meeting between the camper and the Team Leader or Director. The camper may be asked to leave the training or activity and

take a time-out. The Team Leader or Director will discuss the behavior with the camper and clarify what is expected.

2. If a camper is counseled for a **second** time regarding inappropriate behavior, they will have a meeting with their Team Leader and the Program Director. A leader will call home to the parent or guardian. The parent and camp leader will decide on an action plan for the camper to return to camp.

3. If the camper does not change and must be addressed a third time, the camper will be dismissed from camp. The parent will be called to retrieve the camper, and the camper will be suspended from camp for 6 months. This is never our goal and is always a last resort, but we as a camp have a responsibility to protect the rest of our campers. If a camper is sent home for behavioral reasons, **NO REFUND WILL BE GRANTED**. If the camper was on a scholarship, the camper will not qualify for a scholarship for 1 year.

E. Dress Code

1. Campers may not wear clothing that shows their underwear, or that contains sexual innuendo or offensive language or graphics.
2. Girls may not wear spaghetti strap tops, bikini tops, tube tops, or camisoles as outer wear.
3. Girls may not wear string bikinis or other bathing suits that do not fully cover their bums.
4. Campers may be asked to change clothes if what they are wearing is deemed inappropriate for the camp setting.

F. Water Sports Dress and Safety

1. Water sports at Camp Hope may involve slip-n-slides, wading in the river, running through sprinklers or squirt gun fights. None of these necessitate wearing a swimsuit and may best be enjoyed with shorts and a t-shirt.
2. Water shoes or old sneakers are recommended for playing in the river. The rocks are slippery and sharp, and *bare feet are not allowed in the river*.
3. A Personal Flotation Device (life vest) may be required for rafting or wading in the river, at the discretion of the Camp Director. The camp will provide loaner vests.
4. For water fun and safety, girls are advised to wear shorts over a one-piece swimsuit or a modest two-piece with swim top or tankini.
5. Boys must have shorts of some type, preferably swim trunks.

G. Lost and Found Policy

Any remaining items after camp will be stored for 1 month. If you believe you left an item at camp, call the office 360-666-9136 or email camphope@camphope-wa.org.

H. Privacy Policy

We promise to do our absolute best to protect your information and the privacy of you and your child. Under no circumstances will we distribute personal information regarding a child, their attendance at camp, or any other information without proper approval. If a parent calls and wants to know information regarding their child's well-being or any account information we have on file, our office staff will ask a series of security questions before we distribute any information regarding a camper.



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