



## **DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS**

*Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ALL CAMPERS, CITs, STAFF, AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE REQUIRED TO READ THE CODE OF CONDUCT, ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.**

In order to coexist within a camp environment, it is necessary to recognize and follow certain behaviors and conduct that must be established and agreed upon for the benefit of all. In the end, each of us is responsible for his or her own behavior, but, in order to ensure a fair and fulfilling experience for all participants, the following are to be accepted and agreed to:

### **AS PART OF THE CAMP COMMUNITY...**

#### **I WILL:**

- Recognize that the Camp family is first and foremost a Christian community, and I will commit to treating all campers, CITs, Staff, and visitors with the utmost respect, just as I would want to be treated.
- Follow the daily schedule, be on time, and participate in all activities with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.
- Remain under the supervision and instruction of Staff and CITs at all times, and I will follow the camp rules.
- Turn in my cell phone at registration and only use it during designated phone times.
- Practice sun safety by wearing adequate sunscreen, protective clothing, including a hat and sunglasses, stay hydrated, and seek shade during the hottest/sunniest times of the day.
- Dress properly and modestly for all activities, and maintain good hygiene by regularly showering, brushing my teeth, and changing my clothes.
- Help maintain the cleanliness of the camp facility and surrounding environment by picking up after myself, throwing trash away, and putting supplies away after I use them.
- Talk to my counselor, head counselor, or Camp Director if I feel unsafe or unhappy.
- Be a positive role model for my peers and campers through my words and actions.
- Make the most of my time at camp by making friends, creating great memories, and enjoying my camp experience!



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## **I WILL NOT:**

- Initiate, participate in, or tolerate fighting, taunting, hazing, bullying, or sexual misconduct, against any camper, CIT, or Staff.
- Deliberately hurt anybody's feelings, which may include pulling pranks on others that would cause someone to feel offended or unsafe.
- Initiate or engage in romantic relationships while at camp. I understand camp is committed to creating a safe space for all participants, and any activities of a sexual nature are not permitted on campus.
- Be in my dorm/cabin unattended, be in the dorm/cabin of the opposite sex, or leave my dorm/cabin after curfew.
- Trespass, steal, vandalize, graffiti, misuse, or abuse someone's property or the camp facility, and understand that I and my family may be held financially liable for the repair or replacement.
- Bring any food or liquids other than water into the dorms/cabins.
- Transport, sell, purchase, be in possession of, or consume alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, illegal drugs, or paraphernalia of any kind while participating in the camp season. This includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, vaporizers, hookahs, pipes, bong, vials, rolling papers, and shot glasses, etc. I understand that having any of these items with me during camp is cause for immediate dismissal due to the camp's zero tolerance policy on drugs and alcohol.
- Use foul or abusive language, including words of a sexually explicit or violent nature.
- Bring weapons of any kind, firecrackers, or inappropriate audio/video recordings to camp.
- Leave the camp grounds without first obtaining written permission from a parent/guardian and approval from the Camp Director.

## **I understand that if I am having trouble following this Code of Conduct, the following could happen:**

- I may have a meeting with my counselor, head counselor, or camp director.
- The camp leadership may call my parents to discuss my behavior.
- I may receive a suitable consequence-as determined by the camp leadership.
- If my behavior is hurtful to myself or others, I may have to go home early.

*Please note: All discipline will be evaluated on an individual basis and dealt with quickly and firmly. There is no intent to be harsh or unreasonable, however, any serious misconduct, such as a violation involving alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sexual misconduct, will result in the affected participant(s) being required to leave the camp. The family of the participant(s) will be expected to promptly come and remove the participant(s) from camp. There will be no refunds for campers or CITs who are asked to leave camp for disciplinary reasons. Depending on the nature of the violation, the camp may be required to contact the local authorities.*



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