



CAMP FELIX

CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

Camp Felix is committed to maintaining the physical and emotional safety and well-being of our campers as well as the community feeling of acceptance and understanding that pervades camp. The following code is an important part of that commitment. Please discuss this with your camper – make sure they understand the rules they must follow at camp.

HEALTH & SAFETY OF CAMPERS AND STAFF

The safety and health of our campers and staff is our highest priority. Any action or activity that jeopardizes this concern will not be tolerated. Campers are expected to stay safe while having fun, always following directions of the Camp Felix staff. Shoes must be worn at all times. We encourage the use of hats and sunscreen for protection from the sun. If no hat or sunscreen is brought to camp, Camp Felix will provide it.

Campers may never leave/separate from their group unless supervised by a staff member. Campers are required to stay within the boundaries of the campsite (basketball courts to rock climbing wall) and may never leave the camp site unless they are being picked up by parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian wishes to pick up the camper from the camp site at any time, they must notify Jane Feyder-Siegel, Program Director, at 646-660-4849 in advance.

RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

Campers must respect other campers and staff at all times. Being respectful includes recognizing the uniqueness of each person's individual needs, concerns, and moods. Teasing, bullying, cyber-bullying, harassing, or other emotional or physical abuse, pranks, ethnic, racial, gender, or sexual discrimination, or sexual harassment is not tolerated at Camp Felix.

MEDICATIONS/DRUG/ALCOHOL/TOBACCO/WEAPONS

All medications prescribed by a doctor must be given to Camp Felix staff upon check-in at the bus. Medications must be in a prescription container, multiple medications should be in a ziplock bag with child's name on it. Medications will be handled by Camp Felix staff ONLY and administered by the Camp Nurse as prescribed.

Use of illegal or legal drugs for non-medicinal purposes without a doctor's prescription is prohibited at Camp Felix. Campers are strictly prohibited from processing or drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, weapons, and/or drugs is grounds for immediate dismissal.

GUEST AND VISITORS

For the security and safety of our campers, any visits to Camp Felix to see a camper or counselor must be cleared through the Camp Felix Program Director in advance. Campers/Camp Staff may not have friends or family visit them at camp unannounced, or otherwise, unless under certain special circumstances with the permission of the Camp Program Director.

SAFETY AND SECURITY ON THE BUS

Campers must arrive at the designated bus location by 8am on Monday morning of the assigned camp session. Camp Staff will assist campers in boarding the bus safely and finding a seat on the bus and buckling their seat belt. Camp Staff will supervise all campers on the bus and tend to their needs. All campers must remain seated in their seat for the duration of the bus ride with their seat belt fastened. Campers may NEVER get off/leave the bus until the buses reaches the camp destination. It is expected that both staff and campers conduct themselves in a respectful manner

on the bus – no loud screaming, no throwing anything, no fighting, no getting up/out of the seat. Campers must listen to the Camp Staff while on the bus and follow their instructions.

CARE OF PROPERTY AND FACILITIES

Camper must respect other people's personal property as well as the Camp Felix facilities and any camp supplies/materials. The camp environment should be protected and kept clean at all times. Any destructive behavior must be immediately brought to the attention of Camp Felix staff. Any misconduct or purposeful destruction of Camp Felix property will result in the **offender's family absorbing the financial responsibility of repair and replacement.**

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

Should any of the above Code of Conduct policies be violated, the following steps will be taken:

First offense: A quiet, verbal reprimand and conversation with Camp Felix staff member and Director.

Second offense: A verbal warning will be given to the camper and a phone call and/or email will be sent to the parent/guardian.

Third offense: The camper will be dismissed from camp. Parent/guardian and case planner/supervisor (if applicable) will be notified to arrange for camper's transport back home. A discussion will be held regarding camper's ability to return to camp in future camp seasons.

If the offense is severe (including, but not limited to fighting, hitting, hurting self or others, theft, vandalism, possession of weapons, alcohol, cigarettes, or illegal substances, inappropriate language, severe verbal threats, physical aggression, leaving the designated area without permission, bullying, sexual misconduct, or any other dangerous behavior), the camper will be **IMMEDIATELY DISMISSED** from the camp session and any other camp session he/she is registered to attend in the future, bypassing all the steps above. *THE ACTIONS TAKEN WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CAMP FELIX DIRECTOR****

TRANSPORTING CAMPERS HOME:

Camp Felix will do their best to find a driver to drive the camper home if they need to be sent home mid-week. However, we sometimes cannot afford to have our camp staff leave the campsite for long periods of time because they are needed onsite to supervise campers. Therefore, the following policy is in place:

1. Parent/guardian will be asked to pick up their child from camp if they have a car and can drive.
2. If Parent/Guardian doesn't have a car, Camp Felix will ask NY Foundling staff to come and pick up camper from camp and drive them home.
3. If the driver is unable to drive the camper all the way to their home, they will drive them to the **NY Foundling office in the Bronx at 501 Southern Blvd and** the parent/guardian will pick up from there. This office location is chosen because it is the closest office location to the campsite.