

# CAMP RULES & SAFETY POLICIES

## CAMP RULES

*Camp rules are in place to ensure a safe, fun, and positive experience for everyone. All parents and campers are expected to follow these guidelines at all times. Please note that violations of camp rules may result in a camper being sent home early without a refund. In the event of dismissal, parents/guardians will be responsible to pick up their student from camp*

1. Attend All Scheduled Activities - When you come to a Shepherd Youth event, you agree to follow the schedule of events. You are required to attend all meals, gatherings, games, etc., no exceptions. Do not wander the grounds or go to unpermitted areas.
2. Stay in Your Cabin After Lights Out - When the lights go out, you don't. Remain inside your assigned sleeping area.
3. NEVER be isolated/alone with any one person ever, always be with at least two other people. Do not enter any cabin that is not yours for any reason.
4. Treat every counselor, staff member, and camper with respect.
5. Treat the property with respect. Do not trash, damage, or deface property.
6. Don't be a distraction during main services. Bathroom use during service is restricted and limited to emergencies only.
7. Keep your hands to yourself. Do not touch people or things you are not permitted to touch.
8. Since we can't provide a comprehensive list of what not to do at camp, we ask that students use good judgment and choose what honors God.
9. GO ALL OUT. When it's time to have fun, have fun! When it's time for worship, worship! When it's time to sleep, sleep well! Go all out for the best week of the year!
10. Strict adherence to the "What Not to Bring" section of the Packing List.
  - Phones will NOT be permitted at camp.
    - If there is a serious family emergency and a parent needs to contact their child while at camp, they may contact the Forest Home Roundhouse at 909-389-2300 and they can put them in contact with the Camp Director.
    - If there is a situation with your child at camp that warrants contact of their guardian (homesickness, injury, not cooperating, etc.), you will be contacted by camp staff.
  - Personal Electronic Devices will not be permitted. This includes AirPods, iPads, Smart Watches, Laptops, etc.
  - Alcohol, Vape Pens, Cigarettes, Drugs, Tobacco, narcotics, etc.
  - Anything that cannot fit in your suitcase, bedding bag, and carry-on
  - Fireworks, Firearms, Fire, Candles, Fire related items
  - Guns, Knives, Bow & Arrows, or any other weapon of any kind is strictly forbidden.



- Prank Items (Water Balloons, Water Guns etc.)
- Unaccounted for Medication and/or Vitamins (You are only permitted to bring these items if they are turned in at check-in)
- Unsealed Snacks (Once snacks are open, they will need thrown away and will not be permitted in the cabins)

## CAMP SAFETY

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*In the event that there is an emergency at the camp, Forest Home and Shepherd Staff will take swift action to ensure the safety of your student. You will be contacted as soon as it is possible and safe to provide communication.*

**\*\*\*Medical Staff:** At Forest Home, health and safety is the absolute number one priority. Leading the charge in this is the amazing First Aid Team. Composed of highly trained and experienced Nurses and Health Technicians, this team works round the clock to monitor and support camper health. Additionally, each and every one of our medical policies is reviewed and approved by a Physician each year to help ensure that we are providing the highest quality of care for our campers and staff.

**\*\*\*Adult Leaders:** We keep a 1-10 adult to youth ratio to ensure that your camper is safe, seen, and heard. All adults are background checked, live-scanned, and vetted by Shepherd Staff before serving.

**\*\*\*Staff:** Forest Home and Shepherd Staff proactively make themselves available to ensure the safety of your student.

*\*Please note that the adults working with your students are mandated reporters and will report, in good faith, any situation necessary to report. Again, the safety and wellbeing of your student is our number one priority.*

## CAMP DISCIPLINE

*In the unlikely event an issue with a camper is needing to be addressed, the Shepherd Youth team will work with Forest Home to handle it with care, grace, intention, and boundaries. Please note that violations of camp rules may result in a camper being sent home early without a refund. In the event of dismissal, parents/guardians will be responsible to pick up their student from camp.*

***If you have additional questions, please email us at [camp@shepherdchurch.com](mailto:camp@shepherdchurch.com)***

