

# YSSC Camper Code of Conduct

Yosemite Sierra Summer Camp (YSSC) strives to provide a safe and nurturing environment which offers well-adjusted campers the opportunity to engage in positive learning experiences. In order to ensure we create this desired environment, it is important that campers and their parents understand and agree to the guidelines that sustain it. YSSC is not equipped to be a therapeutic program specializing in specific behavioral issues so if you have any questions about YSSC's capacity to support your child, please give the office a call at 800-775-9772.

Please review the following behavior guidelines with your child prior to camp. Campers are encouraged to notify a YSSC staff member during their session if their camp experience is being jeopardized by any other camper(s) not observing this Code of Conduct.

**BEHAVIOR** - YSSC is a program for well-adjusted children who treat others with respect and value others' right to have a safe and fun experience at camp and beyond.

Any disrespectful, violent, or mean behavior will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to:

- physical harm
- bullying
- teasing
- name-calling
- harassment
- isolating of another camper

Furthermore, behavior that may jeopardize the safety of a camper is not allowed. These unsafe behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- inability or unwillingness to follow safety instructions
- defiance toward authority
- running off or running away
- refusal to eat

Additionally, use of foul language is not allowed at YSSC. Use of alcohol, tobacco (including vape pens and e-cigarettes), or drugs (including marijuana) is also prohibited.

**ATTIRE** - Dress must be modest and appropriate for an active camp program. Clothing must fit closely enough so that the camper is not endangered in any activities (too-loose clothing may get caught in belay cables, etc.). Extremely tight or provocative attire is not permitted and underwear may not be shown. Modest bathing suits are required for all campers. Full coverage one-piece/tankinis are required for girls. Logos should not depict violence, foul language/topics, alcohol, tobacco, drug, or gang references. We discourage the wearing of any expensive attire. Camp is not a place for competition over clothing. No body piercing jewelry, except small earrings, is allowed for safety reasons.

**TECHNOLOGY** - Electronic equipment is not permitted at camp. This includes, but is not limited to:

- cell phones

- iPads/tablets
- smart watches
- electronic games
- e-readers (unless they have no internet access and appropriate reading content)

If a camper brings these items to camp, they must be turned over to camp staff and held as contraband until the end of the session. YSSC is not responsible for the loss of any personal belongings.

**ONLINE COMMUNICATION** - YSSC encourages positive and healthy communication after camp. Thanks to the accessibility of the internet, campers are able to stay in touch more easily. We do, however, expect campers to continue to treat each other with respect online, including using camp photos, videos, and YSSC's name appropriately.

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In the event that a camper fails to meet any of the guidelines in the above Code of Conduct at any time during the camp session, discussions with camper and/or appropriate consequences may be put into place. If the behavior persists, a camp director will contact the parents/guardians, and the camper will be put on a Behavior Contract, in which directors, campers, and parents all agree on consequences should behaviors persist. If unacceptable behavior continues, or in the event of an extreme behavioral issue such as physical violence, the camper must be picked up at camp by a parent/guardian within 24 hours at the family's expense and no tuition refund will be given.

If you are concerned that your child may not be able to meet these guidelines at YSSC or simply have questions about the policies outlined, please call 800-775-9772. We would be happy to provide a consultation with one of our directors so we can determine together if YSSC is a fit for your family. We are committed to helping each and every camper succeed at having a fun-filled and enriching camp experience.

Thank you in advance for your partnership in supporting YSSC's positive and nurturing environment.