

# CAMP CODE CONTRACT

We ask families participating in our live events online to review this document and confirm that all participants have read the camp code and accept the responsibility to meet these behavior expectations.

## THE CAMP CODE!

No matter where we are... at home, at camp, online, one of the most important parts of our community is our camp code.

The creation of a safe and nurturing community can promote growth at its best when it is intentionally, constantly, and carefully executed by all of its members. This includes camp staff, volunteers and of course you, the campers.

To do this, we have developed five simple concepts that we expect everyone to follow and contribute to as we create a camp community that will bring out the best in all of us.

### SAFETY

Safety first! Our concerns for safety include physical, emotional, social and of course, medical safety. With all the fun and excitement of camp, it can be easy to forget that we all must do our best to take care of one another. Always be considerate in your actions to ensure everyone's safety is a priority. Just as during an on-site session, offensive language is not allowed.

### RESPECT

Respect is a vital part of any community, especially the camp community. We should strive to respect others, our camp and the environment. We all come from different situations, experiences and backgrounds, but when we come together, we join a common community with common goals of creating magical, transforming fun. In the chat or comment spaces online, only post things you are proud of and would say in person. Think about how a message might be read and understood before posting it.



## LOVE

Just like respect, there are many interpretation of love in the world. At camp, love means treating each other with care and kindness. We should work to build each other up, not put each other down. We should encourage each other to take risks knowing that we have a large community of people to stand beside us as we do. Love is what helps set camp apart from so many other places in the world.

## CHALLENGE BY CHOICE

This philosophy is an important foundation that empowers everyone at camp with the freedom to choose how to participate in activities. It is the simple principle that participants are invited to join voluntarily in every activity and challenge, and they will be supported in those decisions regardless of what they are.

## FUN

Camp is Fun. Need we say more?

To remember our code, we came up with a High Five Contract. The five principles are represented by the five fingers on a person's hand.



**SAFETY** – represented by the index finger as it is our number one priority.



**RESPECT** – represented by the middle finger, in a bit of irony.



**LOVE** – represented by the ring finger as it reminds us of the commitment and love in a relationship.



**CHALLENGE BY CHOICE** – represented by the pinky because it seems small but is important in all that we do.



**FUN** – represented by the thumb, as the universal “thumbs up” sign.

**If we all commit to remembering these five concepts, our community will be strong, and everyone will feel appreciated and included. No matter where you are, you agree to keep to the code.**