

## **CAMPER EXPECTATIONS**

### **1. Campers are expected to participate fully in OMMC.**

- A. In order to minimize disruptions to the community atmosphere we attempt to create at Ontario Mennonite Music Camp, we ask that campers not be removed from the camp for the duration of music camp. Please arrange schedules accordingly. Exceptions should be presented to the director in writing.
- B. We have planned 2 weeks of incredible camp fun and excitement including a huge variety of activities and trips. Campers are expected to participate in all aspects of camp as fully as they are able.
- C. To allow full participation we required that campers do not bring cell phones to camp. Parents will be provided a phone number in order to reach their child for emergencies.

### **2. Privacy**

Campers will be assigned to rooms with roommates. We expect that campers will not enter rooms assigned to other campers without permission from those campers. The same expectations apply to staff members. Staff members will not enter rooms of campers without permission except where there is an issue of camper safety.

Please also respect the privacy of your roommates. Please do not inspect or damage things belonging to your roommate.

### **3. Issues of Camper Safety**

- A. Camp staff must (to a reasonable extent) know where all campers are at all times. Campers should therefore:
  - not leave the Conrad Grebel campus at any time without permission or an accompanying staff member
  - expect to be present at all scheduled group activities except through reason of illness or other mitigating circumstance
  - campers are expected to sleep in their assigned rooms
- B. Medications will be given to the camp director at the beginning of camp and administered by the director at appropriate times. Please send a detailed schedule as well as a description of the medication, its uses, affects, etc (one of those info sheets from the pharmacy would be great). The director will be available at registrations to talk about health issues with parents. For the peace of mind of all involved, we would ask that this would also include over-the-counter medications. Inhalers and basic pain-killers (asprin) can be managed on a case by case basis.
- C. Each camper will fill out a health form to be kept on file during camp. This signed document will give information and permission for the camp staff to have

the camper treated by the attending physician(s) at the nearest available hospital in the case of a medical emergency.

- D. The OMMC board, through discussion, has arrived at the conclusion that the risk of an injured camper being unreachable by staff and professionals is a greater risk than that of intruders. Therefore, we ask that campers not lock their doors. As safety precautions, staff will regularly patrol the residence after lights out, and we have asked that all unnecessary doors remain locked for the duration of music camp. As well, night time lock down is earlier for music camp. When camp is on an excursion, all campers' doors are locked until camp returns.
- E. We ask that campers not bring knives to camp.

#### **4. Alcohol and Drugs**

Alcohol and recreational drugs are not allowed at Music Camp. Should any camper be found in the possession of alcohol or any banned substance, the camper's parents will be notified and the OMMC board will be convened. If it is discovered that the camper was knowingly in the possession of these articles, for whatever reason, the camper will be sent home.

#### **5. Personal Conflict**

At OMMC we try to solve conflict peaceably. Whenever possible, conflicts should be solved one-to-one. However, should the conflict continue, the parties involved should together seek out a staff member, who will act as a mediator to help arrive at an agreement causing the least possible damage to personal relationships and camp dynamics.

If there are ongoing issues of conflict and/or incidents of physical aggression the camper's parents will be contacted by the director. It is hoped that in consultation with parents the conflict can be solved and the camper will be able to manage their behaviour. A decision may be made which requires the camper to leave for the duration of camp if resolution does not occur, or if other camper's safety is in jeopardy. If the camper is asked to leave there will be no financial reimbursement.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (camper) have read and understand the above statements,

OMMC Camper Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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