OMMC Camper Expectations 2020

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 during these two weeks. Please arrange schedules accordingly. Exceptions should be presented to the director in writing.
   
   B. We have planned two 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 promote full participation in camp activities and the development of camp community, we encourage cell phones be left at home. If cell phones are brought to camp, they may be used only during designated free time. Any phones used outside of this time will be confiscated and returned at the end of camp. Parents will be provided with 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 circumstances;
      - 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, effects, etc (consider sending a medication information sheet, available at pharmacies). The director will be available at registration 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 (aspirin) can be managed on a case by case basis.

   C. The health information collected on the registration form will be kept on file during camp. This 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. Campers are to keep their room doors unlocked as the risk of an injured camper being unreachable by staff and professionals is a greater risk than that of intruders. As a safety precaution, staff will regularly patrol the residence after lights out, and all unnecessary residence building doors will remain locked for the duration of music camp. When camp is on an excursion, all campers’ doors are locked until camp returns.

E. Campers must not bring knives, lighters or similar items to camp.

4. Alcohol and Drugs

Alcohol and recreational drugs are not allowed at OMMC. 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 possession of these articles, the OMMC board and camp staff will determine appropriate consequences. They may determine that the camper needs to 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 a camper is required to leave camp due to failure to follow any of the camper expectations, there will be no financial reimbursement.