

# CAMP CONTRACT

Because we want to provide the best possible experience for every camper, Appel Farm has developed policies designed to ensure a safe, productive and friendly camp community. In order to continue to do so, we ask that all of our parents and campers read the Parent-Camper Manual and agree to the policies outlined within. After your family has read the manual, please review the policies on this contract, then sign and return it within two weeks.

1. No camper or staff person may use or have possession of any illegal drug while at Appel Farm, either on camp property or on any excursion outside of camp.
2. All medications, including over-the-counter drugs and vitamins, must be kept in the infirmary. Inhalers, epi-pens and other life sustaining items may be kept in the bunk with the nurses' permission. Campers and Staff may not give any medication to another Camper or Staff.
3. No camper may use or have possession of alcohol while at Appel Farm, either on camp property or on any excursion outside of camp.
4. For health and fire safety reasons, Appel Farm is a non-smoking community. No camper or staff person may use or have possession of cigarettes, cigars or other tobacco products while at camp. This smoking ban is in effect on all camp property including the road in front of camp, and on any excursion outside of camp.
5. Violent action to other people, animals, property, vegetation, or yourself is prohibited. You may not physically strike anyone under any circumstance. Campers, staff and parents agree to respect all members of the community and will refrain from abusive or intimidating language or mistreatment of any kind.
6. Campers are strictly prohibited from engaging in sexual activity or excessive displays of affection.
7. Campers agree to remain on the camp property and within the mowed areas at all times, leaving only as part of a regularly scheduled camp trip, and with Staff supervision.
8. Family members agree not to visit bunk areas during Performance Week. Families are welcome to join us for snacks in the dining hall, to talk briefly outside the theatre, or greet and say good-bye to campers in front of the parking area. Visitation in the bunk areas should occur only on Family Visiting Day. Campers and Staff have requested this policy in order to protect their privacy, and to limit disruption in their bunks and bunk areas.
9. Campers agree to arrive on Registration Day, attend the entire camp session including closing ceremonies, and leave during Camper Pick Up. Parents agree not to take campers out of camp except on Family Visiting Day. It is disruptive to the program when campers leave camp during activities and it is very difficult for other campers when exceptions are made.
10. Campers and Staff agree to attend all meals, workshops, all-camp activities, performances and instructional periods during their session.
11. Campers agree not to cross Elmer-Shirley Road unless accompanied by Staff.
12. In order to ensure camper and staff privacy, to protect property, and to limit disruption, inter-bunk visitation is not permitted.
13. Campers and Staff may use radios, MP3 players and other personal listening devices during designated hours, as long as they are not disturbing another member of the community. In other cases, Campers and Staff may use head phones.
14. Campers agree not to deface or destroy camp property. This includes graffiti on the walls of bunks and other buildings. Parents will be held financially responsible for any damage.
15. Campers and Staff agree not to have food, candy, gum or soda in the bunks in order to keep insects and other critters out of the bunk, and for health and sanitation reasons. Parents, relatives and friends are urged to support this policy and not send these items through the mail or bring them to camp while visiting. Packages are opened by the campers in the office with a staff person present and all food items will be discarded.
16. Campers and Staff must wear shoes when walking around the grounds.
17. Gum chewing is not permitted at camp.
18. Campers agree to leave their cell phones and PDAs at home.
19. Parents: please do not offer tips or gifts to staff members. You may express your appreciation with a letter of thanks.

Refund Policy: Refunds will not be offered to campers who leave early due to homesickness, dismissal or for any other non-medical reason. Refunds may be offered to parents on a 50% pro-rated basis for a camper who must leave camp early due to a medical condition only.

Missing Items Policy: Appel Farm will not be responsible for lost, stolen, missing or damaged items. Campers are encouraged to store cameras, instruments and other valuables in designated locked storage areas, and money must be deposited into a canteen account.

The undersigned have read the Parent-Camper Manual, and understand and agree to all policies on this contract:

Camper Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Session  First  Second  Full  Mini I  Mini II

Camper Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_