



Camp PossAbility

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These guidelines apply for all campers at Camp PossAbility and must be followed to ensure the safety of everyone. Camper must sign acknowledgement of these guidelines before camp starts.

- 1) Campers are to be within an arm's length of their 1:1 volunteer at all times.
- 2) Each person has personal space that must be respected. Do not touch another person without their permission.
- 3) Respect other people's property. Never borrow or move the personal items of another person without their permission.
- 4) Never get into bed with another camper, staff or volunteer.
- 5) No type of abusive behavior or comments—verbal, physical, or sexual—will be permitted at camp. Anyone demonstrating these behaviors will be asked to leave and may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- 6) Our goal is to maintain a safe, friendly camp so we ask all campers to refrain from any type of cussing, swearing, or name calling at camp. If you cuss out anyone at camp, you will be told to leave.
- 7) Campers and volunteers are allowed to bring snacks for themselves or to share. Items must be in sealed bags or containers, must NOT require refrigeration, and must be kept in the cabin's sealed snack bin. **ABSOLUTELY NO PEANUTS** or items containing peanuts are allowed at camp and will be confiscated and not returned if brought to camp. All snacks are subject to staff inspection.
- 8) Smoking and consumption of alcoholic beverages is not allowed on any area of the camp grounds. **ABSOLUTELY NO** cigarettes, tobacco or other nicotine products (other than patches), marijuana, or alcohol are to be brought to camp. If found they will be confiscated and NOT returned, and the person bringing them may be asked to leave.
- 9) Chewing gum is not allowed at Camp PossAbility.
- 10) Games (board games or other games) from home are not allowed without pre-approval from the CORE team.
- 11) Camp PossAbility welcomes campers, volunteers, and staff from many backgrounds. People of different religions, beliefs, and sexual orientations should all find a safe place at camp. This means that conversations that bring up controversy should be handled with respect (and ended or avoided if necessary to maintain a friendship). If you instigate an argument or harass another individual, you will be asked to leave Camp PossAbility.
- 12) Due to our head staff having children at camp, we ask that you keep your conversations and activities family friendly. While we understand that our campers are adults, this camp would not exist without our head staff and we need everyone to respect that. This also ensures that conversations are appropriate for those with all backgrounds.

- 13) Activity areas at camp are to be utilized only during specified times when camp staff is available to supervise the activity.
- 14) Swimming is only allowed during designated times when lifeguards are on duty.
- 15) Campfires are NOT to be started by anyone other than Eric or Tyler on the Camp PossAbility CORE team.
- 16) We encourage campers to be “unplugged” during the week of camp so they can relax and focus on building relationships. Any cell phone brought to camp can be used for photography only and will need to be put on “airplane mode” for the week. There is to be NO cell phone use in cabins and no photos or videos are to be taken while in cabins due to privacy/security needs.
- 17) Swimwear must be appropriate and follow the packing guidelines.
- 18) There are many different activities at camp such as high ropes, hiking, swimming, boating, and many others. Each camper is encouraged to try every activity at the level of their ability. No one is ever forced to participate. If you have any questions concerning these policies, please call us at (260) 341-5732.
- 19) Closed-toed shoes (tennis shoes) must be worn at all times other than at the pool when pool shoes should be worn.
- 20) Camp is a privilege. If you choose not to follow the rules or to wander away from the group, you will be asked to leave and will not receive a refund. We work hard to ensure safety for everyone and expect everyone to follow these guidelines.
- 21) We ask that everyone has appropriate adult behavior. If you act inappropriately (having temper tantrums, fits of rage, inappropriate actions toward yourself or others), you will be asked to leave or your caregivers will be asked to come pick you up. If you choose to act in an inappropriate manner and your caregiver is called, we reserve the right to discuss the issue with your caregiver as needed.
- 22) Camp PossAbility has an enforced bedtime of 11 p.m. While all campers are adults, this helps ensure that everyone (including the volunteers and staff) is able to get enough rest as each day is physically demanding. We ask that everyone do their part to get to bed on time, and by signing this you agree to do so.
- 23) Once camp has started, campers are NOT to leave the camp facility or their cabin group until camp has finished at the end of the week.
- 24) Campers cannot have visitors during camp week in order to ensure safety of everyone. If you know someone will be coming regularly (such as to bring a service dog or attend to your service dog), they will need to submit a background check, 3 references, and liability forms like our other volunteers.
- 25) Camp PossAbility encourages each camper to be as independent as possible during the week. However, while we try to respect campers’ privacy, safety is the number one priority for all staff and volunteers. Camp staff and volunteers will ensure that your transfers are safe (without falls) before providing you privacy in the showers or restroom. This may also mean that someone of the opposite gender will be assisting with your transfers if that is deemed most safe by the CORE staff. The three person rule applies at all times, including with transfers, for your safety.
- 26) Camp is a fun, loud, noisy, group environment where everyone does activities from early morning until late at night. By coming to camp you agree to participate in these activities and be a part of group events.
- 27) We work very hard to ensure that camp is a safe place for everyone both in word and actions. By signing below, you agree to help support that environment as well as follow the above rules.

Camper Name (Printed): _____

Camper Name (Signature): _____ Date: _____