



Adult Roles and Expectations

A clear understanding of your role as an adult/sponsor involved in a Camptown program is essential in order to maximize the effectiveness of the experience for the youth participants. Above all, adults are role models for the students and as such they often set the tone for the effectiveness of the program. Camptown considers adult sponsors as partners in the program and our goal is to facilitate experiences with your students that will not only teach them new skills, but will also fortify the student's relationships with you the adult. As such, the following are expected of the adult sponsors during a Camptown program:

Program Participation

- Adults are to take an active part in the program. Participation in the activities and experiences with the students will build powerful memories that will strengthen your relationship with those students.
- Use positive and encouraging language. Cursing and crude language is not an appropriate form of communication for students or adults.
- Respect for others and the environment is to be modeled by each adult on the adventure. Coaching students to do likewise is an essential part of the program.
- Concerns are to be raised with the Program Leader privately. Together you can decide on the best course of action for your group.
- If disciplinary action is necessary, work in cooperation with the program leader to determine the most effective course of action for the situation.

Safety

- Adhere to the safety procedures outlined for students. Wearing seatbelts while in vehicles, life jackets during water sport activities, and adhering to other safety rules is a powerful example to students.
- When appropriate, hold students accountable for meeting their Standards of Behavior in regards to safety.
- Leave knives, hatchets, saws or other sharp tools at home unless your provision of these tools is part of the program plan.

Adult Choices

- The possession or use of alcohol, drugs (except prescribed medications disclosed on your health form) and tobacco is not permitted. If you must smoke, then it must be done out of the sight of students.
- Dress appropriately. Modest attire creates a comfortable non-distracting environment for everyone.

Any question or concerns regarding these expectations are to be brought to the attention of the Camptown Program Leader or the Executive Director. We value your partnership in creating an exciting and effective program for the students.