



# Community Agreement

Campers are expected to abide by the rules of Midwest Children's Burn Camp. They are as follows:

1. **No** abusive, hurtful, or foul language. This includes purposefully misgendering any program participant (e.g., refusing to call a program participant by their preferred pronouns).
2. **No** Bullying. This includes, but is not limited to, name-calling, making threats, spreading rumors, excluding someone from activities, hitting/kicking/pinching, making fun of someone's appearance, making fun of someone's family, and taking or breaking someone's things
3. **No** smoking, vaping, or tobacco use of any type. No use of alcohol or drugs. Weapons are not allowed at camp.
4. **No** water guns, nerf guns, or anything that could cause physical harm.
5. **No** electronics at camp (cell phones, tablets, MP3 players, iPods, hand-held games, etc.)
6. **No** hitting, shoving, pinching, scratching, biting, etc.
7. After curfew, campers must stay in their cabins.
8. Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in cabins are not to be played with.
9. Listen to counselors and staff.
10. **No** "sneaking off". You must stay under the supervision of an MCBC staff member at all times.
11. Be respectful of the rights, privacy and property of others.
12. Take care of and return all camp equipment.
13. Dress appropriately for recreational purposes.
14. Abide by all local, state and federal laws.

If the camper displays disruptive or harmful behavior, every effort will be made to address the behavior and to work with the camper. If the camper's behavior does not change after counseling, support, and a phone call to his or her caregiver, **it will result in the camper being sent home**. Campers who are sent home due to behavior issues will not be invited back.

**Search and Seizure Policy:** MCBC is committed to creating a safe environment for all campers, staff, volunteers, and visitors. For this reason, MCBC Staff reserve the right to search any camper's personal property on camp property during the week of camp without reason for cause. If any of the prohibited items listed above is found, the Director(s) have the right to seize any and all items; with the exception of illegal items, any items seized by the Director(s) will be returned to the camper/staff person at the conclusion of camp. The Director(s) will meet with the camper/staff in question and appropriate consequences will be implemented. The Director(s) reserve the right to dismiss the camper from camp. If a camper is dismissed, then the dismissed camper will be separated from the camp population until a caregiver can arrange to pick-up the camper. In the event of discovery of any illegal substance or weapon, the appropriate authorities will be contacted, and the illegal items will be given to the appropriate authorities.

I have read this community agreement with my caregiver and I understand what it means. I promise to do my part to uphold this community agreement and I understand that any behavior that goes against this community agreement or contributes to making another program participant feel unsafe for any reason may result in my being sent home at the expense of my parent/caregiver.

Signature of camper: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above the above community agreement to (with) my child. I understand that while my child is at camp, he/she is to uphold this agreement and that if camp staff feels that my child's behavior is disruptive and/or diminishing the camp experience for other campers, my child will be sent home. I understand it is my responsibility to pick up my child from camp if they are sent home for breaking this agreement.

Signature of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MCBC does not tolerate harassment or discrimination based on an individual's race, creed, color, religious beliefs, gender, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, military status, and any other legally protected characteristic.