

Code of Conduct - MD19 YEP Camp

1. No consumption of alcohol

Rational: Alcohol is forbidden for youths on the Youth Exchange & Camp program. Therefore, participants on the Youth Exchange & Camp program will not consume alcohol at all.

2. No driving of motorized vehicles

Rational: Given the age, insurance and therefore the likely-hood of the youth having only a limited amount of experience of driving, participants shall not drive a motorized vehicle of any description while on the Youth Exchange & Camp Program.

3. No permanent body decorating

Rational: It has been fashionable for youth's male and female to decorate their bodies in tattoos, body piercing and implants or any other permanent body modification. Although the USA has stringent health rules in regards to such matters no participant on the Youth Exchange & Camp Program shall permanently decorate their body while they are participating in the program.

4. No drugs

Rational: Research into marijuana is actively being trialed in the USA for very limited medicinal use only. Other common drugs such as opioids are sold as either prescription only medication eg. Codeine and morphine or illicitly sold e.g., heroin and opium. These drugs are highly addictive and overuse can lead to accidental death. It should be noted that identification of illicit drugs and their ingredients are of real concern. Other drugs like stimulants are of no less concern such as crystal methamphetamine (otherwise known as ice). These can lead to erratic and harmful behavior. At this stage the only drug that can be considered safe is that which is prescribed only to the person whose name is on the prescription and only under a medical practitioner's supervision. Therefore, no participant on the Youth Exchange & Camp Program shall take drugs unless prescribed to them by a medical practitioner.

5. Restricted downloading and uploading

Rational: Although firewalls and internet security are at a much higher standard today than it was just a few years ago, internet surfers are still vulnerable to predators. This is particularly noticeable with youths whose world is mostly conversing with online friends. They are vulnerable to online scams whether it is of a sexual nature, financial or otherwise. To the uninitiated downloading could prove to be costly, embarrassing and illegal. Downloading or uploading of any content shall be limited for school purposes, the youth's own family purposes and Lions International purposes and with the knowledge of Camp Supervisors. Therefore, no participant of the Youth Exchange & Camp Program shall download or upload contrary to what is stated in the previous sentence.

6. No dating

Rational: It is understood youths on camp may be attracted to another person at camp. No participant on the Youth Exchange & Camp Program shall date another person while participating in the program.

7. No dangerous activities and sports

Rational: The list is too long to name all potentially dangerous activities but Youth Exchange participants and their families will have a reasonable idea what they are. An indication is activities insurance companies may not cover. The youth on the program may participate in dangerous sporting activities in

the USA with their parent's consent as activities are rigorously accredited here in the USA. Therefore, no participant on the Youth Exchange & Camp program shall participate in dangerous activities unless such activities are an organized accredited activity of the camp.

Lions Youth Exchange Rules

- The use of alcohol and tobacco is prohibited.
- The use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
- It is prohibited to operate motorized vehicles while participating in a YEP Program.
- You are required to wear a seatbelt while in a motorized vehicle.
- If feeling unwell – tell a supervisor or staff member immediately, don't wait.
- Bedrooms of the other gender are out-of-bounds.
- Report any damage or defect, so it can be fixed.
- One of the aims of your Exchange is to improve your English. Please speak English at all times.
- Host Families may allow you to cook but you need to be respectful of their homes.

Camp Rules - (Only Applies to Students and Staff attending Camp)

- In the event of fire or other emergency, please assemble on the lawn near the camp fire pit.
- Under emergency conditions, follow the directions of the Camp Staff Member.
- Camp is run by volunteers who give up their own time to make your Camp experience enjoyable, please respect them as such.
- Keep your room clean and tidy. Keep the bathroom and common areas clean. You make a mess, you clean it up.
- Please do not play any ball games close to the cabins or in your rooms.
- Do not interfere with native birds, animals or plants.
- Campers must not leave the Camp vicinity without permission.
- Save water by taking shorter showers, and not letting taps run.
- Last one out of the cabin turns the lights off.
- Camp is run by volunteers who give up their own time to make your Camp experience enjoyable, please respect them as such.
- Campers must not leave the Camp vicinity without permission.
- Campers are not allowed in the kitchen area unless asked.
- No noise after 10:30 pm (22:30) at camp.
- You are responsible for your camping gear (Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Camping Pad). All sleeping gear is the property of the Camp and must be returned at the conclusion of the camp or pay \$100 Fee.
- Please respect your fellow campers.
- Please respect all the facilities and leave them as you found them

Mobile and Internet Use

- WiFi and Mobile Phone Service is not available at the Camp as its in a very remote area
- Be aware that the cost of international calls from the USA can be very expensive. You are responsible for any costs.
- Mobile phone use is restricted to outside activities hours. You are requested to limit your use to ensure the best possible interaction with your fellow camper.

Student and Parent Signature Page:

I have read all the Lions Youth Exchange Rules, Camp Rules, and Code of Conduct and agree to all of the above.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Permission for photo(s) of my child:

Please Circle Yes or No

Yes - I give permission for my child's photo(s) to be posted on Facebook, Instagram, MD19 Website, MD19 Youth Exchange Website and Local Newspaper.

No - I Do Not give permission for my child's photo(s) to be posted on Facebook, Instagram, MD19 Website, MD19 Youth Exchange Website and Local Newspaper.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please print this page and email it back to me after both you and your parent read through the Camp Rules and Code of Conduct.

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