

# CAMP CHATUGA

## Camper Guidelines

**CAMPERS:** Please read this form so you will understand and know what is expected while at Camp Chatuga. This will help all who attend camp to have a fun and safe experience.

Chatuga has a "two strikes and you're out" policy for breaking rules or for making other campers feel emotionally or physically unsafe. (Major infractions are "one-strike".) Parents will be called after the first "strike". No refund for campers sent home.

### THE SIX L'S:

**LAKE:** Swimming and boating are permitted only when lifeguard is on duty. Go on docks and bridge only during scheduled activity time with staff present. Let staff know when you are fishing (off the banks only) and always have a friend with you.

**LAND:** Respect the camp buildings and property. A charge from your canteen account (eliminating some treats) will be taken for any damages done and you are responsible for clean-up (including graffiti, rec hall equipment, sports equipment, etc).

**LOCATION:** Be where you are supposed to be WHEN you are supposed to: at activities, at every meal, in your cabin at rest hour and all night, at general swim time, at your campout location, and with your group on trips. Visit other cabins only when invited by the counselor. Males only in their designated cabins; females only in their designated cabins. For hiking or exploring during free time, you must have friends and a staff member with you.

**LOOKS:** Swimsuits and/or hats are not worn in the dining hall. Shirts must be worn. You may go barefoot. At all times follow the Chatuga dress code that emphasizes modesty and good taste.

**LOVE:** "Do to others what you would have them do to you". Respect them, their cabins, clothes and private property.

**LOYALTY:** Chatuga campers are mature young women and men with **CLASS:** that means no tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, pornography, gambling, matches, fireworks, weapons, profanity, or inappropriate sexual behavior or you can be sent home. You can be fined for profanity out of your trip spending money.

### WHAT NOT TO BRING:

iPods/MP3's	Electronic Games	Cell phones
Aerosol cans	Weaponry	Food/Gum
TVs	Electric Fans	Animals
Skateboards	Questionable reading material	

If any of these items are brought and not turned in, they will be confiscated and parents will be **charged \$50** to get it returned, including cell phones. Leave expensive items at home.

**TRAVEL:** You may be traveling on camp transportation to or from camp on opening or closing day, on a trip, a campout, to the doctor, etc. Vehicle rules include staying seated, keeping all body parts inside the vehicle, not throwing anything out of the vehicle, not leaving the vehicle until told that you can and only through the door that you're told you can. Girls sit with girls only; guys sit with guys only. No personal cars allowed on camp property.

### DRESS CODE:

No slogans promoting alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, profanity or death themes. For safety, campers may wear earring loops no bigger than a nickel. **No facial piercings** or ear gauges, and no piercing during camp. No coloring hair during camp. Modest one-piece swimsuits for girls (tankinis are two-pieces and not allowed); swim trunks for boys.

We do enforce a dress code of modesty. No skin-tight clothing. No belly showing. No short-shorts or mini-minis. Guys do not go shirtless except at appropriate sports and lake activities, nor should their underwear ever show.

**TELEPHONE:** Campers cannot receive phone calls (except on their birthday) and cannot make calls. Two-, three- and four-weekers may call on trip day. Calls are limited to one per camper talking to a parent for three minutes.

**FACTS OF LIFE:** Remember that your private areas are **PRIVATE** at all times. If you ever get injured in those areas though, through sports, horseback, biking, etc., you should tell the nurse. Also tell the nurse or a director if anyone – adult or camper – inappropriately touches you or anyone else. We emphasize **FRIENDSHIPS** rather than "relationships" and we do not allow **PDA** (public/private displays of affection) that go beyond friendship.

**EARDROPS:** Each time you get your head wet in the lake, you will use drops in your ears (half alcohol, half vinegar) that we've provided to keep from getting swimmers' ear.

**WATERBOTTLES:** Campers always carry a filled water bottle to activities to prevent dehydration. Please have name on it.

**PACKAGES:** Campers cannot receive packages.

**CABIN CLEAN-UP & DIRTBUSTERS:** You have daily cabin clean-up time with assigned responsibilities, as well as an occasional clean-up assignment with your table family (setting tables, sweeping the rec hall, picking up litter, etc.).

**OTHER POLICIES:** The camp can use any photographs, videos, writings, quotations, etc. of you to promote camp.

All personal items and sports equipment are brought at your risk and must be stored where you are told.

Chatuga is not responsible for personal belongings and money while traveling or in camp or if lost or damaged or stolen.

Chatuga staff can search your personal belongings if illegal substances, contraband, weapons or theft are suspected.

**Thank you for taking the time getting familiar with our guidelines. We hope you will commit to follow them to help everyone at camp have a safe, fun time!**

**"Chatuga is where I'd rather be!!"**