

# CAMP CHATUGA

## Camper Guidelines

**CAMPERS:** 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 happy 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. You will lose your canteens for the day 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, every meal, in your cabin at rest hour and all night, at general swim, 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 are not worn in the dining hall. Shirts must be worn. You may go barefoot except at certain activities that require them. Follow the Chatuga dress code in these guidelines. **LOVE:** “Do to others what you would have them do to you”. Respect them, their cabins, clothes, and private property.

**LOYALTY:** In keeping with Chatuga’s tradition, no tobacco, vaping, illegal drugs, alcohol, gambling, matches, fireworks, weapons, profanity, or inappropriate sexual behavior, or you can be sent home.

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:** If any of these items are brought and not turned in, they will be confiscated and held in the office until the end of your session. Leave expensive items at home. *Items in bold will result in dismissal from camp.*

Personal Electric Fans	Cell phones	Electronic Games
iPods/iPads/Kindles	Smart Watches	Food or Gum
<b>Tobacco Products</b>	<b>Weapons</b>	Lighters/Matches
<b>E-cigarette products</b>	<b>Alcohol/Drugs</b>	

**TRAVEL:** You may be traveling on camp transportation to or from camp. 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. No personal cars allowed on camp property.

**DRESS CODE:** No slogans promoting alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, profanity, or death themes. Shorts and shirts are to be the correct size; not so big as to be “baggy” or so small that they are too tight. One-piece swimsuits for girls should fully cover your breasts and bottom; swim trunks for boys. Guys do not go shirtless except at lake activities and walking back to cabins from lake. For safety, campers may wear earring studs and loops no bigger than a nickel. No facial piercings or ear gauges.

**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 riding, BMX 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 do not allow PDA (public/private displays of affection) that go beyond friendship.

**TELEPHONE:** Campers cannot receive phone calls (except on their birthday) and cannot make calls. Parents may call to speak with their camper’s counselor to see how they are doing.

**EARDROPS:** Each time you get your head wet in the lake, you will use drops in your ears (half alcohol, half vinegar) that we have provided to help prevent swimmers’ ear.

**WATERBOTTLES:** Bring a water bottle **with your name on it** to keep filled for activities to prevent dehydration.

**PACKAGES:** Campers cannot receive packages.

**CABIN CLEAN-UP and DIRTBUSTERS:** You will have daily cabin clean-up with assigned responsibilities, as well as an occasional clean-up assignment with your table family (helping in the canteen, sweeping the rec hall, picking up litter, etc.).

### **OTHER POLICIES:**

- The camp can use any photographs, videos, writings, quotes, etc. of you to promote camp.
- All personal items and sports equipment are brought at your risk and must be stored where 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 following them to help everyone at camp have a safe, fun time!*

**“Chatuga's where I'd rather be!!”**