

# McGaw YMCA Camp Echo Teen Code of Conduct

## PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE FORM BEFORE SIGNING

The mission of the McGaw YMCA is to develop responsible, honest, respectful, and caring youth and adults. In keeping with the mission, the McGaw YMCA strives to provide a safe, healthy, and productive environment for its students, staff, parents, and other members of the community. Attitudes and behaviors that interfere with the McGaw YMCA's ability to provide this type of environment will not be tolerated. Negative attitudes or disruptive behavior by one individual will not be allowed to interfere with another individual's participation in activities and programs.

The McGaw YMCA's discipline policy outlines the consequences for participants who interfere with the positive and productive environment fostered at the McGaw YMCA Camp Echo. Parents and campers must review the principles and rules below and then both should sign to acknowledge acceptance of their responsibility to abide by this Code of Conduct and to uphold the four character values of the McGaw YMCA: Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.

## Principles and Rules

1. I will demonstrate respect in my speech and actions for all staff, volunteer leaders, and other participants, and for all program rules.
2. I will demonstrate respect for all of the environments in which I might be in and will assume financial responsibility for any damage to property caused by my actions.
3. I understand that while under the care of Camp Echo staff members and off the physical property, I am a representative of Camp Echo and the McGaw YMCA and will conduct myself accordingly.
4. I will not possess or use alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, weapons, or misuse prescription or non-prescription drugs, or steal property of others, at any time. I understand that if I violate this policy, I will be immediately sent home. If an incident occurs while on an Adventure Trip, my participation will be severely curtailed and I will be sent home immediately upon returning to camp.
5. I will be responsible for the contents of my backpack, luggage, bag, or other receptacle of personal belongings and I agree to allow a search of my possessions in case the possession or use of drugs, tobacco products, alcohol, weapons, or stolen property is suspected.
6. I will be responsible for my actions at all times and I will keep my hands to myself. I understand that physical violence, play fighting, inappropriate touching, and harassment, will not be tolerated and that any harassment should be reported to any staff person, to the Camp Director, the Executive Director, or to the President of the Board of Directors of the McGaw YMCA.
7. I agree to abstain from intimate sexual activity, as well as from any unsupervised activity, game, or contest – physical or verbal – that might endanger anyone's physical health or emotional well-being.
8. I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct or any of the above principles and rules, my parent(s)/guardian(s) may be notified; I may be sent home at my own or my parent(s)/guardian(s) expense with no refund for any camp programs; and I may be suspended from all YMCA activities.

## SIGN TO INDICATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS CODE:

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Participant Signature

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Printed Name

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Printed Name

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