



Camp Wilani Communication Policy Information

Dear Parents and Guardians;

We take the safety and well being of our campers seriously. During camp, we emphasize safety and respect in everything we do. After camp, even though campers are not under our supervision, we remain concerned about their safety. Because campers now use the Internet, cell phones and text messaging, we appeal to you as parents and guardians—as our partners—to help us maintain a safe environment for your child outside of camp.

Please read this letter carefully so you understand our policies on communication outside of camp. We hope you will share these guidelines with your camper as well. As always, we encourage you to call us if you have any questions, concerns or ideas about any of these issues.

Campers and Social Networking Sites

Camp Wilani views social networking sites (MySpace, Facebook etc.) and other communication between campers as positive extensions of the camp experience. When used responsibly, these sites are great places to exchange camp stories and keep in touch with friends.

Since we emphasize positive and respectful communication at camp, we ask that campers continue to be positive and respectful in their correspondence. This includes using appropriate language and always acting in a non-threatening manner. If the rare circumstance arises that your camper receives a threatening message and you suspect the sender is a fellow camper, please contact camp administration immediately.

Your Child and Our Staff: Interaction After Camp

Campers often develop strong and beneficial mentor relationships with counselors at camp. After a week of great activities and personal growth, many campers want to keep in touch with their favorite staff members. We hope these relationships can continue to grow during several summers of camp.

Because our staff is seasonal, we do not monitor such communication off our site. We do not allow the exchange of contact information between campers and staff. We neither support nor promote communication after camp, and we do not take responsibility for what may occur as the result of such contact. If you, as a parent or guardian wish to allow your child to exchange contact information with a staff person, you take full responsibility for that relationship.

Working Together to Keep Children Safe

We see many positive ways for our campers to enjoy the Internet and other technology. As advocates for children, we look forward to working with you to keep their experiences safe, healthy and positive. We encourage you to talk with your camper about this, and their online activity in general, so that together we can keep our campers safe.

Sincerely,

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