



MAINE SUMMER CAMPS MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

All persons or entities who support the purposes of the Corporation, abide by its ethical code and pay dues as established from time to time by the Corporation are eligible for membership in Maine Summer Camps in accordance with the following membership classifications:

1. Camp Members. All organized children's camps that operate in Maine and are licensed by the State of Maine as a youth camp, or are operated under the control of another organization licensed by the Department of Health & Human Services, or are not required to be licensed by the Department.
2. Business Membership. All persons or entities that provide products or services to Maine children's camps.
3. Individual Members. All other persons, provided however, that no person who is affiliated with a Maine children's camp may be a member unless the camp with which that person is affiliated is a member unless this requirement is waived by the Corporation.

Bylaws Approved: April 2, 2005

Camp Dues Policy:

Dues: Separate camp membership dues shall be paid for each separately identified camp.

Board Policy Approved May 13, 2008

CODE OF ETHICS

The Maine Youth Camping Foundation, Inc., dba Maine Summer Camps, is a charitable not-for-profit educational corporation chartered in the State of Maine. Contributions are tax deductible under the provision of Section 501(c) 3 of the Federal Internal Revenue Service Code.

The members of Maine Summer Camps recognize and support the concept that custody of others' lives and welfare, as well as the Earth and its living things, calls for reverence for such life, and a dedication and commitment that must be essentially moral in nature.

All members therefore agree to:

- a. Recognize and support the concept of an ecological conscience; that a thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community;
- b. Recognize and support the concept that a camp is necessarily a total community within society, with significant impact upon its inhabitants' capacity to learn, grow, develop, create, assimilate values, and relate to other persons and the earth and
- c. Accept, respect, and be responsive to the rich human diversity of our society.

In addition, each camp member—in recognition of these concepts—agrees to abide by the following statements. Since the foundation has determined that the camp Director is the primary person responsible for actual camping practices, each camp member also shall require persons assuming this responsibility in their camps to abide by the following statements:

1. I shall be truthful and fair in representing my camp and other camps by whatever medium of communication.
2. I shall be truthful and fair in enrolling campers and in my relationship with campers and staff.
3. I shall provide a written enrollment policy for all camper applications including fees, payment schedules, discounts, dates of arrival and departure, together with a clearly stated refund policy.
4. I shall inform parents or guardians of my procedures for promptly notifying them in the event their child is hospitalized or suffers accident or illness.
5. I shall maintain in professional confidence camper and staff information, observations or evaluations.
6. I shall promptly consult with parents or guardians as to the advisability of removing a child from camp should it be clear that the child is not benefiting from the camp experience.
7. I shall refrain from actively recruiting any camper or staff member known to be currently enrolled or employed at another camp.
8. I shall provide each staff member with a written job description and contract, including period and terms of employment.
9. I shall be truthful and fair in dealing with other camps in representing the Camping Movement.
10. I shall strive to be responsive and sensitive to the local community influenced by the presence of my camp.
11. I shall honor my financial commitments to parents, staff, vendors and others.

All members agree to abide by this Code of Ethics of the Maine Summer Camps, with the procedures for the resolution of any disputes under such code, and with any final decision under such procedures.

Revised 7-17-91 by Membership Vote

PLEASE SIGN & RETURN A COPY WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES STATEMENT

“I have read and shall abide by the Code of Ethics of Maine Summer Camps (dba Maine Youth Camping Foundation), with the procedure for resolution of any disputes under such code, and with any final decision under such procedure.”

Signed _____ (Director/Owner)
Date: _____