

CAMP TANAKO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPERATING POLICY

As an institution of the Arkansas Conference United Methodist Church, the purpose of Camp Tanako is to provide a retreat setting for persons to share in Christian Education, enjoy nature, and participate in recreation and fellowship activities. The camp is available for year-round use. A variety of weekday and weekend camp sessions is scheduled each year for children, youth, and adults. To more effectively achieve the purpose of Camp Tanako and for reasons of health and safety, the following Operating Policy is established for all persons attending Camp Tanako.

GENERAL

1. When arriving at Camp Tanako, report to the designated registration area to receive individual cabin assignments, daily schedules, and announcements relating to the camp session. The Camp Director will designate the facilities to be used.
2. Each camp session, K-12th grade, will have at least one counselor in each cabin for every ten campers present.
3. The camp telephone number is 262-2600. The telephone is not available for calls except in cases of emergency.
4. Shoes must be worn at all times except in cabins or at poolside.
5. Visits from family, friends, or dates are not permitted during the camp session.
6. All staff and campers must have personal vehicles parked at the life center parking lot and remain there the duration of the session.
7. Campers are not allowed in staff vehicles, with the exception of programmatic transportation and emergency situations.
8. Alcoholic beverages, street drugs (including marijuana), fireworks, knives, weapons, firearms (including BB guns and air rifles), roller blades, roller-skates, skateboards, pets and other animals are not permitted. All Camp Tanako properties, grounds, and facilities are tobacco free. Wireless communications (walkie-talkies, cellular phones, pagers, etc.) are prohibited.
9. Only paid staff members may enter the camp kitchen or staff cabins.
10. Food and drinks are only allowed in the Milner Dining Hall, the Wilson Center, and around the Camp Canteen.
11. Use trash containers. Each person is expected to help keep the facilities and grounds free of litter.
12. Unauthorized activities such as cabin raids, water balloons, the misuse of shaving cream, toilet paper, etc. are not permitted.
13. All accidents, injuries, and illnesses must be reported to the Camp Director or Camp Health Care staff.
14. Intimidating behavior, such as bullying, verbal abuse, putdowns, fighting, shoving, etc. will not be tolerated at Tanako.

WATER RECREATION

1. Swimming will be in the camp swimming pool at a scheduled time and with Tanako lifeguard supervision. For health and safety, swimming is not permitted in the lake.
2. Boating, canoeing, kayaking, and fishing will be at scheduled times and with Tanako Staff supervision. A life jacket is required when in a boat, canoe, or kayak.

CABINS

1. Each person must reside in his/her assigned cabin during the camp session.
2. Furnishings are not to be removed from the cabins.
3. Each cabin group will keep its own cabin/grounds neat and clean. Beds will be made daily and utilities turned off when not needed.
4. Abuse of cabins, furnishings, and camp property which results in unnecessary damage will be the responsibility of each individual camper and/or cabin group and may result in a financial charge for repair or replacement.
5. "Lights Out" signals the end of each camping day and may be scheduled no later than 11:00 p.m. unless permission is received from the Camp Director for a planned camp activity.
6. After "Lights Out" each person must remain in his/her assigned cabin until the next morning's schedule begins. Noise, which disturbs others, is not permitted following "Lights Out".
7. At the completion of the Camp session, each cabin must be left neat and orderly.

DRESS CODE

1. Clothing worn will be free of advertisements for alcoholic beverages, cigarette products, and profane messages. All other inappropriate messages or articles of clothing are prohibited.
2. Shirts, blouses, and sport tops must have shoulder straps. Shirts should also cover the waistband and should not expose the area between the underarm and waist. Tube and spaghetti tops, muscle shirts, and low cut or low hanging shirts are not permitted.
3. Shorts should not be less in length than the fingertips, when held to the side with full arm extensions while standing.
4. Swimsuits for males should not be less in length than the fingertips, when held to the side with full arm extensions while standing. Female swimsuits should be tasteful and appropriate.
5. Camp management reserves the right to rule on what is appropriate.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. As resident agent of the Camp Tanako Board of Trustees, the Camp Director is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the Operating Policy.
2. The Camp Director, assisted by the camp deans as needed, shall provide an opportunity at the beginning of each camp session for each person to understand the Operating Policy.
3. A copy of the Operating Policy shall be posted in each cabin and other camp buildings.
4. Any person who fails to honor the camp's Operating Policy will be warned and/or dismissed from the camp by the Camp Director.
5. Any questions or situations that may arise and need clarification shall be taken to the Camp Director. If the question or situation remains unresolved the Board of Trustees may be consulted as needed.
6. The Camp Tanako Board of Trustees will review the Operating Policy annually.

POSTSCRIPT

Since the 1940's many individuals, churches and organizations have given financial resources, time, and leadership to provide for the ongoing ministry of Camp Tanako. Thousands of persons through the years have benefited from having been to camp at Tanako. The Board of Trustees wants each participant to have a rich and meaningful experience. The Operating Policy is provided to help achieve this purpose.

I have read the Operating Policy Statement of Camp Tanako. I understand it and agree to abide by these rules while I am at Camp.

Camper _____ Guardian _____ Date _____

Camp Tanako is pleased to offer experiences that occur outside its gates. These include golfing at Diamondhead, horseback riding at Lake Catherine Riding Stables, tours of Garvan Woodland Gardens, and hiking and interpretive lessons at Lake Catherine State Park, all of which are a short five minute bus ride away.

_____ attending _____ has permission to be transported by
Camper Name *Program Attending*
Camp Tanako for off-site activities.

Guardian Signature

Date