

FERRWOOD MUSIC CAMP EXPECTATIONS

Ferrwood Music Camp is a camp dedicated to providing quality music instruction in a fun, safe and family-friendly environment. Our founder Father Joseph Ferrara established the camp in the early 1960s as a place for children to grow and learn. Our expectations are designed to ensure that all campers have a fun, yet safe experience in a non-intimidating atmosphere that embodies respect and understanding for everyone. It is important that all participants abide by the rules; therefore, we ask that parents and campers familiarize themselves with this information. Parents and Campers must sign and return this document with registration forms.

1. Participants are restricted to the grounds of Ferrwood Music Camp (FMC) unless written permission is received authorizing the child to leave the premises by the child's parents. No child will be released to anyone that is not listed on the emergency contact portion of the registration page. All adults removing a child from camp must provide photo identification.

2. Campers are not to leave the gated area at any time unless with a group attending an authorized function. Campers are not permitted in any wooded area surrounding the camp. Please be warned that there is a substantial amount of Poison Ivy growing in these areas so staying out of the woods is mandatory.

3. Students are expected to be polite and respectful to everyone. Demonstrating respect for others' property is also expected. Under no circumstances should you enter into or borrow another person's belongings. Personal space must be respected at all times.

4. **Any behavior suggesting intimacy is not permitted regardless of gender.** This includes hand-holding, lying against one another, etc. Campers are not permitted to socialize in each other's dorms. The only time a *person* is permitted in a dorm of the opposite gender is when they are being used as a classroom for music instruction.

5. Fighting, intimidating, harassing, bullying, foul language, indecent behavior, stealing, tampering with or destruction of property will not be tolerated. Adults and campers alike will not discriminate, bully or harass any person for any reason including but not limited to race, skin color, body type, sexual orientation, gender, gender identification, or religion. Campers who feel they are being harassed should immediately report the incident to a camp counselor who will report the incident to the director of the camp. Any violation will constitute immediate parent contact and possible removal from camp.

6. Resident campers will sleep in the dorm based on the gender that they were assigned at birth.

7. Possession and/or use of alcohol, tobacco, vapes, drugs, or other illegal substances, items, or devices are strictly prohibited. This will result in immediate dismissal and can result in criminal prosecution.

8. Dress code: Leisure and fun clothes are appropriate; *however*, modesty must prevail. Any clothing considered provocative or offensive is prohibited. T-shirts suggestive of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or sexual inferences will not be allowed. Anyone participating in a hike **MUST** wear sneakers, not sandals.

9. Good personal hygiene is mandatory. If *camp* staff determines that a *camper* is not showering or is demonstrating poor hygiene, they will be politely asked to shower. If a child refuses, parent contact will be made.

10. All campers must be inside and remain inside the dorm by 10:00 p.m. Lights out will be at 10:30 p.m. At this time, there will be a strict no-cell phone usage policy. Campers need to turn their phones off when the lights go out. Anything not said by 10:30 can wait until the following morning.

11. At no time is food or drink allowed in the dorms. Remember we are a camp in the woods, eating in the dorms will invite unwanted guests. Campers' snacks must be stored in the kitchen storage area and eaten on the grounds or in the kitchen.

12. Campers' medications must be in a prescription bottle with the child's name, dosage and expiration date.

13. During lesson time students are permitted to drink water only. Food or sugary drinks are not allowed.

Ferrwood Cell Phone Acceptable Use Policy

1. Cellphones and other electronic devices are allowed at camp; however, respectful usage will be expected. ***Campers will not bully, harass or otherwise make other campers feel uncomfortable because of cellphone usage.*** Campers will not post images of other campers without their express permission. Taking photos of other campers and posting them to social media sites without permission is strictly forbidden. Campers will not isolate other campers who may not have a cellphone or other devices.
2. Cell phones should be used to communicate with parents and family and not to belittle or harass other campers.
3. Camp is fun! There are many activities to engage in at camp, campers should not be glued to their phones to the exclusion of all the activities we provide.
4. Campers and campers' families will take full responsibility for the electronic devices brought to camp. Ferrwood Music Camp and its administration and affiliates will bear no responsibility for lost, stolen, misplaced, or damaged devices. Campers will take full responsibility for ensuring the safety of their devices.
5. Parents and campers must be aware that the camp does not have the ability to charge 100 cell phones. Free outlets are scarce. Parents should consider this when sending a child's cell phone.
6. Resident campers will be expected to turn off their phones at 10:30 when the lights go out. Counselors will monitor this closely. Campers who do not turn off their phones will be expected to give their phone to a counselor and parent contact will be made the following morning. Anything that is not said by 10:30 PM will simply have to wait until the next morning.
7. Be advised there is NO Wi-Fi at camp. We have found that AT&T's coverage is not good at camp, therefore AT&T users will see a significant battery drain as their phone searches for a signal. Verizon and T-Mobile seem to have good reception.
8. Parents can call the director at any time with concerns at 570-535-0633

All adults have been instructed to monitor the camp expectations at all times. All instructors and counselors have reviewed the rules and expectations and will monitor student behavior at all times. All campers and campers' parents have been informed of the expectations.

Parents and campers must sign and return this document at Sunday registration. Please do not sign this paper until Sunday / Monday registration. This must be signed at camp.

I _____ have read the rules and understand my responsibility. I understand that if I willfully break the camp expectations, my parents will be called. Multiple infractions can result in removal from camp.

Parent Signature _____

Camper's Signature _____

Witnessed by: _____

Date: _____