

CAMP NEEKAUNIS POLICIES (revised Nov 2019)

A. General. Campers are asked to show respect for their own safety, for camp property, for the rights and wishes of other campers, and for the community life of the camp.

Specifically, campers are asked not to bring or use the following:

Firearms; Fireworks; Alcoholic beverages; Illegal drugs;
Animals or pets (except by arrangement with the director);
War toys or toys which endorse violence;
Supplies or equipment that may be dangerous;
Bicycles/all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles (except as transport to Camp);
Motorized watercraft/ jet skis.

B. Health and Safety/First Aid. Let your director or a lifeguard know if you or a fellow camper/staff are sick or injured. Your director will instruct you on fire drills and storm protocol. If you hear a prolonged sound from the buzzer, meet in the playing field in groups with your cabin mates.

Camp NeeKauNis is a bullying and harassment free zone: policies are posted.

Camp NeeKauNis has a Sending Home policy that pertains to physical abuse, drug or alcohol use, and to persistent harassment and bullying and not respecting cabin segregation by gender during children's camps. All incidents of sexual abuse and physical abuse with injury will be reported to the police.

Stay on our trails! We have poison ivy and giant hogweed on the property.

C. Cabins and Cabin Areas. Each cabin should have a wastebasket and a blue basket for recycling, a broom and a dustpan, and a bottle of environmentally-friendly all-purpose cleaner. Every cabin has a smoke detector and a fire extinguisher. Please let the director know if any of these items is missing.

Please keep your cabin clean. Garbage should be brought to the kitchen and sorted.

Campers should respect the privacy of cabins and cabin areas. Please, no noise after 10:00 pm or as determined by the director of a specific program.

When you leave Camp, please leave your cabin swept, tidied, and disinfected so it will be a clean home for the next occupant.

D. Camp Property. Do not deface camp property with graffiti: you or your parents will be asked to provide the paint, materials and labour to restore the property. In most cabins there are hexagonal boards mounted on the walls specifically for campers to sign their names etc.

Do not remove bark or otherwise damage trees, shrubs, etc. Camp is part of the Managed Forest Plan: please refrain from walking off-trail or climbing banks and cliffs.

Dispose of refuse in garbage cans, compost container or blue recycling bins, as appropriate. Recycling boxes are in the kitchen and in the shed between the Swan and Nelson-Hall. Details are posted in the kitchen.

E. Smoking and Vaping. Smoking and vaping are permitted only at the Fire Pit. Cigarette butts, matches, etc., must be disposed of in fireproof containers. Empty them in the green bin when cooled. Tobacco can be poisonous when ingested by children and small animals.

F. Meals and Kitchen. Meal times are set by the director and cook. They are approximately: breakfast - 8:30, lunch - 12:15, supper - 6:00. Campers share the kitchen and dining room duties, and meal team schedules are posted. Please report fifteen minutes before meal time, or at the time of the buzzer.

All meals are preceded by a silent grace. A daily reading will be given during breakfast.

Campers should remain at table until announcements have been made and mealtime is completed.

Food wastage is strongly discouraged. Please speak with the cook or director if you have problems with meals.

G. Program. Campers are asked to be present and on time for meals, meetings for worship and activities. It is expected that you stay for the entire program unless other arrangements are needed.

The director or designate (head cook, lifeguard) must know if you and your child leave the building area. Children should not leave the building area except with a parent/guardian.

Weekend and short-term campers must obtain permission to attend camp from the director ahead of time and should participate in the programs offered at the time they attend.

H. Waterfront. Swim only when the lifeguards are on duty and obey the lifeguards' instructions. This usually includes using the buddy system and reporting to a lifeguard when entering or leaving the water.

Lifesaving equipment (reaching pole, throwing device, etc.) will be on the dock and will be available any time the beach is in use.

Non-swimmers must stay where the water is shallowest. Swimmers should stay within the buoy line. See the director and lifeguards with requests for distance swims.

Children may not go to the beach without adult supervision.

Diving and jumping are not permitted. The water is shallow and rocks and zebra mussels are plentiful.

Use boats only with the knowledge and approval of the boat supervisor or the director. A responsible person must remain on the beach and watchful.

All persons in any boat must wear lifejackets, properly-fitting and fastened. The person who has arranged for taking the boat out is responsible for ensuring that all passengers obey these rules. An emergency kit (belay bag) must be in any boat being taken out.

All boats must be in before dark.

Any accident or injury *must be immediately reported* to the lifeguard, who will take the necessary steps to deal with the situation.

I. Camp Telephone/ Cell Phone and Electronics Use. Camp NeeKauNis has a Cell phone and Electronics policy. We discourage the use of electronics, including cell phones, at Camp. Use by campers during children's camps is not permitted. Adults are requested to keep electronics in the cabin.

There are exceptions for Camp administration and for lifeguards.

The Camp telephone may be used for Camper and Staff needs on request.