



# YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

## Camp Fire Teen Programs

Dear Camp Fire Youth Member and Parent:

You have decided to participate in **Camp Fire Patuxent Area Council's Teen Programs**. Both youth and their parents must

complete the following Code of Conduct as part of the registration process to participate in this program.

There are several things that you and your parent(s) should be aware of before you attend the program. This letter will serve as an agreement that you and your parent(s) or guardian(s) have read and understand.

1. You will be a representative of Camp Fire locally and nationally and their Partner Agencies, your family, your school, and our community as you participate in this program,
2. Your behavior will have an impact on you and other young people as well as those whom we serve
3. You are expected to abide by the code of conduct.
4. Failure the code of conduct can prevent you from participating in Camp Fire Teen Programs on both a short and long-term basis.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will be a credit to Camp Fire and their Partner Agencies, my community, my family, my school and me. I will:

- **Understand and obey any and all rules** issued by Camp Fire and their Partner Agencies Counselors and staff and the agencies where we provide service;
- **Take full responsibility for my commitments** to the program and follow through on those activities that I agree assist with or plan.
- **Demonstrate cooperation** with and respect for Camp Fire and their Partner Agencies staff, participants, and the clients we serve.
- **Show respect** for the rights, privacy and property of others;
- **Maintain proper behavior and example** with younger campers participating in programs at the program and camp sites.
- **Not possess or use any alcohol, tobacco or drugs** during any part of the service or leadership activities unless prescribed to me by a physician; I will turn all medications into the designated Health team member as required.

- **Maintain proper decorum in my interactions with other members of Camp Fire or the community.** I will follow our Camp Fire Policy on “Purpling” by not engaging in any sexual behaviors, language or discussions that are not appropriate. I will follow Camp Fire’s interpersonal relationship and sexual harassment policies. When required to sleep in an open space such as a Gym, or other large sleeping space, I will adhere to the room division as established by the program leaders.
- **Responsibly use the Internet, Cell Phones, Text Messaging and other forms of Technical Communication.** I will follow the Camp Fire and Partner rules and policies for use of the internet, cell phones, and email when corresponding with Camp Fire members, youth and adult and when making contact with partner or community agencies in my role as a member of Camp Fire. (All youth must complete the acceptable use agreement for use of the internet and email as part of the Camp Fire program. Youth members will provide an Email address for a Parent so that parents may stay informed of Camp Fire activities and events. When corresponding with non-Camp Fire contacts, youth will use the monitored E-mail address [campfireinfo@gmail.com](mailto:campfireinfo@gmail.com) rather than their own personal email address.) When using **Facebook, YouTube or other social network sites**, I will be respectful of my Camp Fire membership and not at anytime post material that will discredit me, Camp Fire, or Teens in Action.
- **Comply with the schedule** for all program activities, including travel departure times, service projects, meals and curfew;
- **Wear my Teens in Action or program Tee shirt** during all service projects and at other times as required by program guidelines; when representing Camp Fire at formal events, I will wear the Navy Blue Golf shirt, Khaki Pants or Skirts, and appropriate shoes. I will follow grooming standards.
- **Be responsible for my personal property** keeping it together and neat at all locations and in any vehicle in which I travel for Camp Fire purposes, and
- **Be responsible for my safety and that of my peers**, by traveling in pairs or groups during all service activities away from my school or council site.
- **Stay with the Group at all times.** I will not leave the group nor will I invite others to join the group except with the permission of the program counselors or Staff.
- **Wear a seatbelt and be a responsible passenger** at all times during the times that I am in a vehicle.
- **Pools, Fitness and waterfront activities.** I understand that I must follow the rules for all swimming, waterfront, and exercise facilities and that I must have a chaperone in attendance at all time when using these during any program where they are available for our use.

1. For Service Learning Road Trips that have a mystery component and require youth to stay away with overnight, lodging, the Trip Itinerary will be sent to parents on the day of departure via email. This is to ensure that the trip is kept secret from participants until they solve the clues of their service trip. All addresses and phone numbers for emergencies will be provided in this document at the time of departure.
2. Camp Fire and their Partner Agencies do not assume any liability for loss or theft of your possessions so does not bring valuables.
3. If you are unable to complete a trip/activity due to an accident, illness or for not following the code of conduct, arrangements will be made for your prompt return home. Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying any additional transportation costs resulting from an early return home. Any medical costs incurred by you also will be the responsibility of your parents.
4. By signing this letter, you and your parent(s) or guardian(s) are indicating that you have read, understood and agree with the information contained in this letter concerning your participation at the Camp Fire Teens in Action/Teen Program

Youth Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ HPhone \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Guardian Phone Contact (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

**All youth participants 12-22 who participate in CFUSA Teens in Action Programs  
Must complete this Form annually.**