

Coniston Community Days

General Camp Rules

Applicable to all camp Visitors & Staff

Group Leaders are responsible for an orientation of this information to their participants. Please make sure all members are aware of the "general camp rules," emergency procedures and expected behavior.

Help keep us all in the natural camp environment!

- ★ Technology Free Camp – cell phones work, please only make calls away from other guests, and we do not provide internet access to visitors.
- ★ Smoke Free Camp – if you must, please go out behind the dining hall where it is not affecting others
- ★ Alcohol Free, Drug Free Camp
- ★ Trash – When checking out please bring all trash to outside trash can stations or take with you.
- ★ Final Clean Up - Upon completion of your visit with us, all facilities and equipment used by your group are to be left in the same condition as they were upon your arrival.
- ★ Personal Belongings - YMCA Camp Coniston assumes no liability for personal items brought to camp.

General Rules:

- ★ Supervision: Children under the age of 18 must always be supervised by an adult. Coniston staff are here to facilitate activities and lifeguard, but supervision is the responsibility of the adults in your group.
- ★ Wear shoes or sandals at all times. Sharp objects, stones, tacks or nails from construction may be underneath you!
- ★ Pets will NOT be allowed during your special use with us this summer as a courtesy to the comfort of all our guests. Please understand that our full-time staff do have pets. These pets may be around the camp, and if they are causing your family group issues, please notify staff.
- ★ Cars should not be driven through camp; parking is behind the dining hall, and across the street on the barn road
- ★ Food and Beverages are carry-in carry-out only. We will not have drinking water available to the public please plan accordingly.
- ★ No grills, fires, candles or open flames.
- ★ Medical Care/Emergencies: Although many camp program personnel have certifications in first-aid, CPR, and AED, family groups are responsible for providing their own first-aid care, supplies, and equipment. We are here to assist if needed. Family groups must provide their own arrangements for emergency transportation. Notify camp personnel when emergencies such as serious injury, lost or missing participant, fire, etc. occur. Staff will inform you of all reasonably foreseeable emergencies, severe weather, and other natural disasters.
- ★ Avoid foul language and comments; help the children in your group. This includes cursing, put-downs, bullying and inappropriate gestures.
- ★ Please take shelter in severe and dangerous weather; supervisors should use good judgment and be alert to their family members and group participants.

The Lake:

- ★ **Only enter the water or get in a boat/board under the guidance and instruction of the lifeguard on duty**
- ★ No swimming or boating without a lifeguard.
- ★ No boats should be taken out without a staff member on duty.
- ★ Lifejackets (PFDs) and arm floaties are acceptable for swimming but no rafts or floats will be permitted.
- ★ **No swimming or boating after sunset – ever.**
- ★ Always walk on docks / running is a hazard to you and those around you.
- ★ All swimmers must only swim in designated areas and stay within buoy lines.
- ★ All boaters must always wear a buckled/tied lifejacket when on the water.

Camp Facility Buildings/Areas:

- ★ Ropes equipment & the Tower are to be untouched, unless used under the supervision of Coniston staff.
- ★ Visitors and unauthorized staff are to stay away from the maintenance shop & maintenance equipment.
- ★ Visitors are not allowed in camp buildings other than public bathrooms or a "changing cabin" assigned to your group.
- ★ Visitors are not allowed in closed areas of camp or staff housing.
- ★ Children are not to cross the road without appropriate adult/staff supervision.
- ★ Visitors & unauthorized staff must stay off all fire escapes (stairs to the roof) and rooftops.
- ★ Please let us know of any maintenance needs.

Termination of Use: Camp personnel reserve the right to terminate any activity, program, or behavior and eject any person from the facility that it deems potentially harmful to the participants, facilities, or image of Camp Coniston.