



Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

CAMP \_\_\_\_\_

CRYSTAL LAKE PARK DISTRICT

### CHARACTER CONTRACT

The goal of our camp is to provide an atmosphere for children to develop a variety of satisfying skills and relationships, while enjoying healthy activities. Throughout the summer, we continue with our Character Development mission to develop respect, responsibility, caring, and honesty among our campers. As a family, please read, discuss, and initial this Character Contract together.

- \_\_\_ **Appropriate Conversation** – Children will not be allowed to discuss inappropriate topics or contribute to demeaning conversations about other campers or staff.
- \_\_\_ **Appropriate Language** – Children must refrain from using obscene language or gestures for any reason.
- \_\_\_ **Respect** - When asked to do or not to do something, a camper needs to follow directions the first time given. This is for the safety of all campers. Please speak to staff and other campers with respect.
- \_\_\_ **Play** – Campers are asked not to engage in any horseplay with each other or with a counselor. No one will be allowed to hit, kick, push or display any type of aggressive behavior. We will use appropriate words to settle our differences. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
- \_\_\_ **Responsibility** – All campers need to remain with their group and within eyesight of their counselor. This applies while we are on the Crystal Lake Park District grounds, and off-site field trips. We want all campers to be safe at all times.
- \_\_\_ **Caring** – It is important to use and care for equipment, toys and games properly, so that other campers can enjoy them. We will care for the property of the Crystal Lake Park District, of other campers and of the camp staff.

#### What will happen when this contract is violated:

If an incident occurs where a camper conducts himself/herself in a manner that jeopardizes their safety, the safety of others, or is not in accordance with the mission of the Crystal Lake Park District Camp, the following steps will be taken.

1. **First violation** – A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. The child may be removed from an activity for the day. The parent or guardian will be contacted during the day or at the end of the camp, depending on the time of the incident. **Parent or guardian must sign the incident report at the time of picking up their child.**
2. **Second violation** – A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. The parent or guardian will be contacted. **Parent or guardian must sign the incident report at the time of picking up their child.**
3. **Third violation** – A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. The parent or guardian will be contacted immediately to pick up their child from camp. The child will be suspended from camp for three days. **Parents must sign the incident report at the time of pick-up.**
4. **Fourth violation** – Child will be dismissed from camp for the remainder of the program. A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. The parent or guardian will be contacted immediately to pick up their child from camp. **Parents must sign the incident report at the time of pick-up.**

**\*Any child causing severe harm to another child or staff member will be dismissed from camp immediately.**

The Crystal Lake Park District Character Contract and Guidelines have been read and discussed.

Camper's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ PrintName: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_