



Makemie Woods Camper Covenant



The foundation of the Makemie Woods program is an atmosphere of acceptance, caring and cooperation. The counselors and their co-ed campers in each camp-site pray, plan, play, and work together as they strive to build a Christ-centered community. Trust, openness, sharing, and forgiveness are all integral to the process. Campers have opportunities to make new friends, try new activities, live with people who have different backgrounds, practice new skills, learn about the Bible and discuss matters of faith. Each person is challenged to grow while having fun and making memories that last a lifetime.

Building a Christ-centered community in this rustic environment requires that we work cooperatively and constructively together. A covenant is an agreement which people make with each other and with God. By reading, signing, and abiding by this covenant, you will help create an atmosphere in which we can have fun and learn together in ways that are safe and respectful. All campers and their parent/guardians are required to sign this covenant:

With God, with my counselors, and with the campers I am about to meet, I agree to:

- ▶ participate fully in all activities when physically able
- ▶ help make agreements which will guide my behavior within my group
- ▶ cheerfully do my share of my group's "caper" responsibilities (which will include cleaning community areas in the camp, setting tables, leading worship, etc.)
- ▶ listen to what other campers and my counselors have to say, and try not to interrupt when someone else is speaking
- ▶ let my counselors know if I have a problem or concern
- ▶ take care of other people's things, and ask if I want to use them
- ▶ stay with my group unless I have permission to leave
- ▶ bring only those things which are allowed, and which are appropriate in a Christian environment, including bringing and wearing clothes and swimwear which fit the dress code
- ▶ leave my cell phone, electronics, and other inappropriate items specified on the "what to bring" list at home. I understand that if I feel I need to contact my family, I should talk to my counselor or one of the Directors.
- ▶ cooperate with my counselors and other adult leaders
- ▶ obey the camp safety rules
- ▶ touch others only in appropriate ways. I understand that romantic touching, such as kissing, etc., is not appropriate.
- ▶ find peaceful ways to solve problems or disagreements. I understand that physical violence, such as hitting, and abusive language, such as swearing or name calling, will not be tolerated.
- ▶ take responsibility for my actions and accept the consequences of my behavior (which could include temporary removal from the group or an activity; a call home to inform parents/guardians of my behavior; or dismissal from camp)
- ▶ try to have a positive outlook on everything I do at camp
- ▶ be responsible when I go home and share my camp experience. I agree to ask permission from their parents before posting pictures of other campers on the internet.

Parent and camper: please carefully read, discuss, and sign this covenant before coming to camp. Bring it with you to registration and give it to the person conducting the health screening. We MUST have this covenant signed by the parent/guardian in order for the camper to attend.

Camper's name and signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date