

CAMP CODE OF CONDUCT

To be read and discussed by both parent/guardian and camper shortly prior to camp

Girl Scouts - Mile Hi Council has rules that we follow to make sure everyone has a safe and fun experience at camp. Our Camp Code of Conduct the Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law is our guide for behavior at Girl Scout Camps.

- I understand that the Camp Code of Conduct is in place to protect others and me and to help make sure camp is safe, fun and successful.
- I will treat other people, myself, property, and equipment with respect.
- I will follow the principals of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try;
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

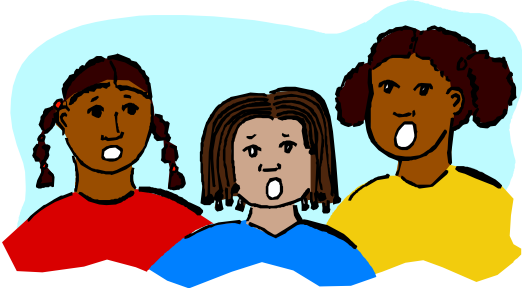
I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority, use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

While at camp your child deserves to feel physically and emotionally safe to have new experiences, and meet new friends. No child's experience should be hindered by subtle or overt bullying. We have a firm policy against all types of verbal, physical and relational bullying.

- I understand the following are unacceptable behaviors:
 - Verbal abuse of anyone for any reason;
 - Threatening of, or any physical abuse and fighting;
 - Stealing or damaging property;
 - The creation of alliances and written or verbal contracts used to exclude anyone at anytime for any reason;
 - Teasing and gossiping.

Girl Scouts - Mile High Council reserves the right to send home any girl who exhibits the above listed behaviors. If a behavior problem occurs the parent/guardian will be called to discuss the situation. Children may be subject to a behavior contract in consultation with their parent/guardian and/or sent home. Parents are responsible for picking up the child. The person listed as the emergency contact will be contacted if parents cannot be reached. There will be no refund if a girl leaves camp before the end of the session due to disciplinary action.

We encourage you, as parents, to please let us know about any particular bullying concerns you may have for your child or any off-season, camp-related emails, instant messages, etc. that may have led to exclusion or meanness towards your child by somebody else in camp. We want to ensure that any problems can be managed by a strong partnership between our camp and you.



Why do we all need to care and be aware?

Kids who are **targets** have been shown to:

- Feel less connected to others
- More angry/depressed: low self-esteem; feel unwell; bullycide
- More tolerant of aggressive behaviors; less empathetic
- Less well-formed identity, morals

Kids who are the **aggressors** have been shown to become **INCREASINGLY**:

- Rejected (all children), withdrawn, anxious, depressed, aggressive
- More cigarette & marijuana use
- Risky sexual behavior
- More likely to become violent adults (Banks, 2000)

Kids who are **witnesses** have been shown to:

- Suffer from a less secure learning environment
- Live in fear that the bully may target them next
- Lose their empathy over time as they don't feel helpful or don't see adults help those victimized

Adults don't see it – and when they do, they don't get it

- On the playground there are on average **4.5-6.5 bullying incidences per hour** (Craig, Pepler, & Atlas, 2000; Craig & Pepler, 1997)
- School staff were **unaware of 80%** of playground bullying episodes (Craig & Pepler, 1997)
- Bullying is more likely to occur in places where adults are not
- Lack of understanding of nature and severity of bullying behavior and belief it is “**a rite of passage**” contributes to many adults' inability or unwillingness to get involved (USDOE, 1998)

