

WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP

VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

We want to express our gratitude for your expression of interest to take time away from home to share your talents, enthusiasm, and love for Wekiva Youth Camp. The staff and youngsters are grateful for your help. Without all of you we would not have a camp. No program can run successfully without guidelines and rules. Some of the rules are mandated by law, others are filed with ACA and necessary to maintain our accreditation. We expect our campers, staff, and volunteers to adhere to the rules of camp. Before you will be cleared to complete your application you must read and initial the requirements listed in this agreement.

Please initial your acceptance in the spaces provided before each requirement.

1._____ There are two areas of Camper Cabins that are arranged in a circular fashion around a campfire area. The **ONLY** adults allowed in the CAMPER CABIN AREAS are the Director, Assistant Director, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Camp Wekiva or Wekiwa Springs State Park Staff. This rule applies even if you are related to or know a camper. Under no circumstances will you be allowed to be in the camper areas without receiving permission from the Chairman. If permission is granted, you WILL be accompanied by an authorized person.

2._____ Some of you might have a child or grandchild attending camp in the same week you volunteer. We find it necessary to request that you not have any contact with your youngster. This includes hugging, kissing, or any activity that might be construed as recognition between you and the child. Be sure your youngster also understands that you will not be able to communicate with him or her as you would away from camp. It simply is not fair to our other campers who do not have relatives in camp and creates situations that are detrimental to the welfare of our campers. Furthermore, you are not permitted to supply anything to your youngster during the camp week. If something needs to be given to your relative, please give it to the Director who will arrange delivery of the item, if appropriate. There are no exceptions to this rule.

3._____ Campers, Parents/Guardians of Campers, Staff, and Volunteers all understand the importance of protecting the personal privacy of fellow Campers and Staff at Wekiva Youth Camp. From time to time photographs, videos or images of Wekiva Youth Camp Campers may be taken by our Staff for the purpose of promoting Wekiva Youth Camp. Campers and their Parents/Guardians sign a Photography Release indicating the personal limits for this purpose. We all agree that photographs taken by a Volunteer of Campers, Staff or other Volunteers will be for personal use only and will not be displayed on any public site, including social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram or Tumblr. This includes images of campers you know or are related to.

4._____ Suitable clothing must be worn at all times. There is a Dress Code that everyone at camp complies with. Socks and closed-toed shoes are mandatory and shoes must have a back that keeps the shoe securely on your foot. Crocs with socks are acceptable. Crocs must have the strap in place at the heel. The only exception to this shoe rule is when you are inside your cabin (except the Office) or inside the fence at the pool area. The shoe rule applies to the parking lot, flag circle, dining hall, craft hall, evening programs, and ALL areas of camp from Noon on Sunday to Noon on Saturday. Clothing must be modest (no tight shorts; undergarments must not show). A one piece swimsuit is mandatory.

5._____ We do not encourage any alcoholic beverages on site (Camp and Parks rule). Although we are not the enforcers of this rule, under no circumstances should you be around campers if you have had any alcoholic beverages. This also extends to tobacco products. Conversations about personal use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs in front of Campers are inappropriate. Discussions about politics and religion are also inappropriate. We are role models for Campers and Counselors.

6._____ We expect that you will fully participate in all of the activities assigned as part of the volunteer responsibilities. Unless all volunteers are on duty, the program and the attention we need to provide to our campers will suffer. If you find it necessary to be absent, please notify the Chairman IMMEDIATELY. Unless specifically invited by a Program Leader and approved by the Camp Director or Camp Chairman, Volunteers should not be attending (to participate or observe) sessions, including the Special Programs (Crittter, 7, 8, 9 Grades).

After reading this and initialing each requirement, please sign and return this form to the Camp Chairman or Crittter Camp Chairman which indicates your understanding and willingness to adhere to camp policies. Again, we thank you for your time working to help us provide over 600 children with a safe, exciting, memorable, educational, and FUN experience at Wekiva Youth Camp. I have read, understand and will comply with the rules stated in this Volunteer Agreement.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____