

**John Battell Memorial  
Georgia Confederates Youth Camp Inc.**

~ June 7 ~ 12, 2020 ~

Mail to: **GCYC: Attn. Al Perry**  
**P.O. Box 447**  
**Fitzgerald, GA 31750 [NEW ADDRESS]**

**Oratory Contest:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

As you want it to appear on your Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**eMail address** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-shirt size** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boy** \_\_\_\_ **Girl** \_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age at time of Camp** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of sponsoring SCV/OCR Camp** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian with whom camper lives** \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Commitment**

**Please read and initial to show agreement.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that I am not to have/use any form of tobacco, alcoholic beverage, drugs, fire crackers or unreported firearms.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will conduct myself with respect toward all others at all times and will cooperate with the Camp counselors and staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that areas are restricted to boys in the boy's cabin area and girls in the girl's cabin area.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not deface or destroy any Camp property.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I violate the no-cellphone policy I understand that my parents will be called and I will be sent home.

\_\_\_\_\_ **If I break any part of this agreement or if my application contains a false or misleading statement, I and my parents, who sign below, understand I will be sent home (my parents will pick me up) without refund, at my own expense.**

I agree to the foregoing and all information provided is correct.

**Camper Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

★ **Number of guests [Not including Camper] for Friday night banquet** \_\_\_\_\_

## **CAMP POLICIES**

**A MEDICAL FORM IS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND RETURNED.**

The Medical Form must be received and reviewed by Camp before approval of all applications.

WALK-ONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

### **PARENTS AND CAMPER'S SHOULD REVIEW THIS MESSAGE AND POLICIES**

We at the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp Inc. (will be referred to as "Camp") have taken the safety and well-being of our Campers very seriously. We aim to do everything humanly possible to earn and keep your trust. We also know we cannot do this without your help. With more and more children using the Internet, cell phones, iPods and other technologies at younger ages, we appeal to both parents and Campers to partner with us to ensure that our Campers continue to have the safest, most wholesome experience as possible at camp.

This message will help you understand the challenges some technologies pose to the continued health and safety of our Camp community. Please review the following policies regarding CELL PHONES, IPODS, CAMERAS, INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT use at camp. As always we invite you to call us if you have any questions or concerns about any of these policies.

### **CELL PHONES — WE HAVE A NO-CELL-PHONE POLICY**

**DO NOT BRING A CELL PHONE TO CAMP.** Cell phones found at camp after Registration and Admission on the first day of camp, whether by accident or planned will be taken and held until departure day. **Cell phones found after the first day will result in the owner's parents being called and the Camper being sent home!** Aside from the fact that cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen, there is a fundamental problem with Campers having cell phones at camp, and that is trust.

When young folks come to camp, they and their parents are taking a step of faith, temporarily transferring primary care from parents to us. This is one of the growth-producing, yet challenging aspects of camp. As children learn to trust other caring adults, they grow and learn to solve some of their own challenges. This emerging independence is one of the greatest benefits of camp. Contacting the parent often by phone essentially means they have not made this transition. It prevents us from getting to problems that may arise and addressing them quickly. Sending a cell phone to camp is like saying to your child that you as the parent haven't truly come to peace with the notion of their being away from you and in our care. We agree to tell you immediately if your child is experiencing a challenge in their adjustment to camp. Parents can help by talking with their child before they leave for camp and telling them that there is always someone they can reach out to, whether it be their Counselor, Director or Medic. We are all there to help.

Another problem with cell phones at camp is that many of them have built-in cameras. Through the Internet you may have been witness to digital images (ranging from marginally appropriate to comical to indecent, vulgar and illegal) that have been uploaded via camera equipped cell phones. It has happened at other camps that children have secretly taken photos of other Campers or staff during changing, showering, bathroom use, etc. and uploaded those images to the Internet.

We choose to avoid these unfortunate by-products of cell phone use by eliminating cell phones at the Georgia Division Youth Camp Inc.

**IPODS & VIDEO DOWNLOAD DEVICES – WE HAVE A POLICY BANNING THE USE OF IPODS OR OTHER DEVICES THAT CAN DOWNLOAD VIDEO**

Due to the capability of such devices to download and store in a private manner easily available sexually explicit, degrading, foul and vulgar content, they are inappropriate for use at camp. In addition it is our aim to promote activities, whether formally planned, informal, or spontaneous during free time that are inclusive and group oriented rather than exclusionary for private personal use or benefit.

**CAMERAS - WE HAVE A NO-VIDEO-CAMERA POLICY**

Again, for many of the same reasons as the no-cell-phone policy, we have a NO-CAMERA policy. If photos of your camper are desired, parents and/or guardians are encouraged to take them and take the camera with them.

The camp environment is not kind to the sensitive mechanism of an expensive digital still camera. Our staff is acutely aware of Campers using cameras during the wrong situations, and or, in the wrong places. You should know that any Camper (and/or their parent, guardian, or guest) that takes a compromising photo of another Camper or staff member and uploads it on the Internet or makes it public in any way after leaving camp will be subject to legal action and may not be allowed to return to the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp Inc. Remember, we take appropriate photo images during each session and edit them onto a memory CD that is made available to campers, parents, or guardians.

**COMPUTERS & THE INTERNET - WE HAVE A NO-LAPTOP OR HAND PDA TYPE DEVICE POLICY.**

Campers do not have the capability to send or receive email, instant message, or play CD's or DVD's on our computers.

**FANS - WE HAVE A NO-ELECTRIC-FAN POLICY**

Each camper cabin is air conditioned. The use of additional fans brought by campers is dangerous because of tripping and falling hazard of electric wires in a confined space. Hairdryer use is limited to the Dorm Rooms and not the Bathrooms.

**I have read and understand the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp Inc. policies, especially the policy regarding NO cell phones, NO Ipods or video download devices, NO video cameras and NO Computer/laptop/pda device and understand that violation of any of these policies will result in my parents being called and my being sent home.**

**CAMPER SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Release Permission: You have my permission to use video or photography of my child for Camp promotional purposes.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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