

# **Bandina Christian Youth Camp, Inc.**

## **Camp Rules – 2024 Polvado-Doubrava Session**

### **APPLICABILITY**

These Camp Rules apply to all campers. **Please read and review carefully.** Instructions from the Session Director and/or counselors carry the same weight as these written rules. Campers will at all times abide by the instructions of the Session Director and/or counselors.

### **VIOLATION OF CAMP GUIDELINES**

Violation of rules or requirements will be subject to disciplinary action. Minor infractions may be addressed by a counselor and disciplinary action may include verbal reprimands, additional chores, or restrictions from activities. More serious violations will be addressed by the Session Director, with disciplinary actions including those listed above as well as re-assignment within the camp, or dismissal from the camp.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

All campers will be assigned to a cabin with shared occupancy by other campers and counselors of the same gender. Cabins are air-conditioned, with bunk-beds and mattresses in a large common room. Private accommodations are not available.

### **ITEMS BROUGHT TO CAMP**

#### **Campers should bring the following items:**

- Bible, note pads, pens, pencils
- Appropriate and modest clothing (See dress code items, below) and appropriate, sturdy shoes.
- Sleeping bags, sheets, quilts, pillows and other comfortable bedding materials
- Personal care/grooming items, including towels, shampoo, soap, toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, etc.
- Flashlights, cameras, insect repellent
- Swimsuits and appropriate cover-ups for travel to/from the waterfront area
- Extra shoes appropriate for swimming and mud. The river bottom and bank at the waterfront are rocky and rough. **Close-toed water shoes are strongly recommended.**
- Campers may bring musical instruments for participation in talent and entertainment activities. Video or audio replay devices may be brought and used for talent performances only.
- All clothing and personal items should be labeled with the camper's name.
- Campers may bring money for use at arts and crafts, but a parent/guardian must establish a system to ensure the camper maintains reasonable control of their money. The cost for canteen (snack bar) items are included in the camp fee, allowing one drink and one snack item at each canteen period.

#### **Campers should not bring the following items:**

- **Do not bring cell phones, computers, tablets, video games, or audio or video replay or recording devices.** If a camper must travel with a cell phone, or is bringing a device for a talent performance, the camper will turn the device in to their cabin counselor or the director upon arrival. The device will be stored for safe-keeping, checked out as needed, and returned to the camper at the conclusion of camp. **Electronic devices visible during camp activities will be confiscated by the director and returned to the camper at the conclusion of camp.**
- Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, controlled substances, tobacco paraphernalia, firearms, ammunition, knives, spike shoes, and other hazardous items are forbidden on the camp site for campers at all times.
- Pets are not allowed. Service animals require accommodation; please contact the director in advance.

### **DRESS CODE**

- Modest clothing must be worn at all times. If campers fail to bring appropriate clothing to camp, they will be required to obtain appropriate clothing or be dismissed.
- All pants, shorts or dresses shall be no shorter than the longest fingertip in both the front and back when standing, with arms placed straight down the side. Shirts or tops must extend down at least to the top of the pants/shorts.
- Tight leggings, jeggings or spandex may not be worn **UNLESS** the shirt or top covers them and is no shorter than no shorter than the longest fingertip, as outlined above.
- All campers will wear appropriate shirts or tops. Tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, strapless tops, spaghetti strap tops, see-through tops or other tops that show the chest, back or mid-riff are not allowed. Sleeveless shirts with hemmed shoulder openings are allowed.

- Clothing containing logos, messages or images of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, profanity, vulgarity or that is sexually suggestive or otherwise inappropriate is prohibited. Tattoos that are distracting or contain any of the items prohibited on clothing must be covered.
- Clothing that does not meet the length requirements, is low-cut, revealing, with excessive holes or holes above the length requirement, or that is form-fitting or overly tight is **prohibited**.
- Campers will wear appropriate shoes at all times when outside their assigned cabin.
- Campers may wear piercings with posts or studs. Looped rings and chains or other objects connecting piercings are prohibited.
- Campers will wear a cover up when going to and from the swimming and athletic/activity areas. Athletic or swimming apparel that does not meet dress code, but is appropriate to the activity, is allowed during gender segregated activities, provided they are appropriately covered during transition periods.
- The Session Director and Counselors have the authority to notify any camper who is not in compliance with the dress code and to instruct that camper to change into compliant clothing. Any camper refusing to follow instructions to change clothes will be subject to disciplinary action.

## **BEHAVIOR**

- Bullying, hazing, harassment, initiations, and other similar activities are prohibited. State laws and rules require that certain activities involving physical contact by or between campers, including physical or sexual assault, and any violation of law be reported to law enforcement.
- Campers are responsible to ensure that their cabin counselor knows their whereabouts at all times.
- Each camper will attend all scheduled activities. Campers not feeling well enough to go to their scheduled activity will notify their cabin counselor and go to the Medical Facility.
- Campers will demonstrate proper reverence during worship periods, seriousness during Bible Classes, and good sportsmanship during games, tournaments, and other activities.
- Campers must stay on the camp grounds. Written permission from the Director is required to leave campus. Campers must remain in the immediate area of their cabins until time for the first activity each morning.
- Campers may not enter cabins to which they are not assigned.
- During Quiet Time, campers will stay in their cabins and be quiet enough to allow those that want to sleep to do so.
- Lights out at 11:00 p.m. means "Lights Out". Campers must stay in their cabins after lights out.
- Cursing, vulgar, abusive, sexually suggestive or other inappropriate language of any kind is prohibited.
- Using tobacco, illegal drugs, and alcohol is prohibited.
- The use of legal drugs is allowed **only** under supervision of the Medical staff.
- Campers aware of other campers contemplating or discussing self-harm or harm to others should report this issue to a staff member as soon as possible.

## **VEHICLES**

- Campers that are appropriately licensed and insured may drive their vehicles to and from camp, but will not be allowed to drive during the camp session. They will turn their keys into their counselor.
- All vehicles operated at camp must be operated in accordance with the laws of the state of Texas and all posted rules and speed limits. Seatbelts shall be worn at all times.

## **WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES**

- Waterfront activities (including swimming, canoeing, and wading) will be conducted under the supervision of lifeguards. Lifeguards will be on duty at all times when campers are engaged in waterfront activities.
- Campers will swim only during the supervised hours and with the group. Mixed swimming is not permitted.
- Cabin counselors will assign waterfront "buddies" to allow accountability ("buddy") checks during waterfront activities. Campers that fail a "buddy check" may be suspended from waterfront activities.
- All swimmers (including those using the tire swing) must make a swimming proficiency demonstration, under the supervision of a lifeguard, before being allowed to swim.
- Campers will stay in the designated areas and will not interfere with or distract the lifeguards.
- Rock throwing is prohibited.
- Campers that violate any waterfront rule or fail to follow a counselor or lifeguard instruction will be subjected to disciplinary action.