

## CYC Honor Code

Since COGWA Youth Camps is a Church-sponsored program, we look to the Bible for guidance in our daily lives. We strive to live by and teach God's way of life, which flows from the two great commandments stated by Jesus Christ: loving God with all our heart, soul and mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40). Accordingly, this Honor Code is based on those commands. If you are accepted to one of our camps, we will expect you to abide by the following:

- I will strive to obey all of God's commandments, including honoring and treating the Sabbath as holy to God.
- I will strive to refrain from using unwholesome words in my speech and will work to be encouraging and uplifting in all I say (Ephesians 4:29).
- I will respect the property of others and will not "borrow" without asking (Ephesians 4:28).
- I will show proper honor and respect to everyone—campers, staff and ministry—by listening, not interrupting, following instructions and by addressing staff members appropriately ("Mr. or Miss {first name}" for single staff members and "Mr. or Mrs. {last name}" for married staff and ministry) at all times (Romans 13:7).
- I will follow all instructions and rules given for camp (not going in off-limits areas, being careful with equipment I am allowed to use, following rules set for the facility, etc.).
- I will respect and treat the property and facilities we use by not only refraining from doing harm (damaging, littering, etc.) but being proactive to help leave the facility in better shape than when we arrived (picking up litter, putting trash in waste receptacles even if it isn't my trash, etc.) to set a godly example of "tending and keeping" our area (Genesis 2:15).
- I will respect and honor everyone's living space (no boys in girls' dorms, no girls in boys' dorms, no campers in staff housing areas, etc.).
- I will respect and care about everyone's health by following rules about "lights out" at night.
- I will dress in a manner that shows "modesty and propriety" (1 Timothy 2:9, World English Bible) not just when involved in physically active classes, but also at Sabbath services and other occasions throughout camp.
- I will keep areas for which I am responsible clean and orderly, knowing God is not pleased with confusion, but with order and peace (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40).
- I will not initiate, participate in or support practical jokes since they often lead to someone being inconvenienced, embarrassed, humiliated and in some cases physically harmed—things no one wants to experience (Matthew 7:12).