

*Game Camp USA*  
*Code of Conduct, Summer 2009*

To most adolescents, anarchy sounds fun. However we know that to provide an enjoyable and profitable experience to every student, some ground rules are necessary. In summary, students are expected to be safe, courteous and responsible at all times. This code of conduct is discussed at length during student orientation on the first day of camp.

1. Be safe.

- a. [Zero Tolerance] Check-in with staff when arriving, check-out with staff when departing and stay with staff during the day, unless following an established procedure for using the restroom.
- b. Refrain from inappropriate activity, such as chair tipping, horseplay, running, jumping or throwing objects.
- c. [Zero Tolerance] Refrain from illegal activity, such as acts or threats of violence, theft or fraud (including falsified registration information). Local law enforcement will be notified when necessary.
- d. [Zero Tolerance] Refrain from tampering with any safety device.
- e. Refrain from producing, possessing or using inappropriate media, such as:
  - i. that intended for mature audiences only, such as M-rated video games, R-rated movies, TV-MA-rated television programs, PA-labeled music or similar content from the web or other channels; or
  - ii. in the presence of preteens, that intended for teen audiences only, such as PG-13-rated movies, TV-14-rated television programs and similar content from the web or other channels.

T-rated video games are allowed for all students, since in the opinion of the Convergenes Board of Directors (CBOD), the Entertainment Software Rating Board is "consistently over-zealous." Other case by case exceptions may be made exclusively by the CBOD for media inappropriately rated in their professional opinion.

- f. [Zero Tolerance] Refrain from possessing or using contraband, such as:
  - i. knives, firearms or other weaponry;
  - ii. matches, lighters, fireworks or other pyrotechnics; or
  - iii. tobacco, alcohol or other drugs, legal or illegal.

All prescription & OTC medications, vitamins and natural & homeopathic remedies must be secured with staff.

- g. Inform staff of any suspected injury, illness, zero tolerance policy violation or any other situation that may jeopardize someone's safety.

2. Be safe (in overnight rooms).

- a. [Zero Tolerance] Stay in your room with the door closed and locked, unless opening it to staff.

- b. Refrain from using room phones, unless communicating with staff.
  - c. [Zero Tolerance] Refrain from misusing any appliance and from using any appliance other than the refrigerator or microwave.
  - d. Refrain from possessing or using Internet-access devices, such as laptop computers and PDAs.
3. Be courteous and responsible.
- a. Respect yourself and your environment.
    - i. Get enough sleep.
    - ii. Shower, change your clothes, brush your teeth, etc.
    - iii. Keep your work area and overnight room clean, with trash and recyclables in proper receptacles.
  - b. Respect others, including your parents.
    - i. Be honest.
    - ii. Be on time and on task.
    - iii. Refrain from offensive, negative or distracting clothing, statements or behaviors.
  - c. Respect others' property.
    - i. Get permission before using another person's property.
    - ii. Get permission before physically tampering with the camp's electronic equipment.
    - iii. Refrain from consuming food, drink or gum near the camp's electronic equipment.
    - iv. Refrain from gambling or wagering, unless with points awarded by the camp.
4. Comply with any other rules given or requests made by authority figures.

The staff will:

- 1. Give students warnings or appropriate consequences for violations of this code.
- 2. Expel students who continuously and/or egregiously fail to abide by this code, including those who violate a zero tolerance policy.
- 3. Compel students at their own expense to repair or replace property that was damaged by them.

These determinations will be made entirely by the staff without formal hearing.