



Code of Conduct for ACM Lifting Lives Music Camper Parents

Camp is a magical week and full of good memories and high expectations. We hope to share some guidelines about different aspects of camp to ensure a good time is had by ALL.

Prior to camp:

- Because of the nature of this camp and the special guests, the camp schedule is always changing. We will not provide a copy of the camp schedule prior to your camper's arrival at camp. Even at this time, the schedule is still subject to change.
- Parents are asked to wait for us to contact them. We are very busy preparing for camp, and it is difficult to respond to the many phone calls we receive about camp activities. Please be on the lookout for materials related to "What to Pack", "How/When to Get Here", and "What to Expect".

Communication with camp staff during the week of camp:

- Parents will be provided with the phone numbers for the camp director and research director. Parents will not be given the individual counselor's phone numbers. All communication should be directed through Camp Director or Camp Research Director.

Communication with your camper during the week of camp:

- Campers must leave their cell phones in the dorms. Your camper will be allowed to make calls and texts at scheduled times of the day (morning, rest period, night)
- Counselors will not be in charge of ensuring your camper calls you; it is up to your camper to contact you.
- Campers cannot borrow counselor's phones to make personal phone calls. If you want to hear from your camper, please send them to camp with a cell phone.

Camp is a busy week and counselors are in charge of many campers. Because of this, campers must be independent. Counselors will not be able to:

- Provide one to one behavior management
- Do your camper's hair or makeup in the morning or throughout the day
- Lay out your campers clothes or help your camper get dressed (this includes choosing what the camper should wear for the day or ensuring your camper changes clothes every day)
- Laundry (please send enough clothes for your camper, in case of spills or accidents)

The week of camp is a time for your camper to be independent and to spend time with friends. Because of this, we ask that parents not attend (or stop by) any activities throughout the week (including music rehearsals and daily field trips). Activities parents are invited to attend:

- Welcome/kick-off ceremony
- Opry performance and afterparty



After camp:

- Counselors are an important part of camp and will help your camper throughout the week, but after camp is over, we ask that campers not contact them (we tell the staff the same thing)
- Participation in the camp is not a guarantee that your camper will be able to come back the next year. We have an application process. Please be on the lookout for application materials early next year.

Other information:

There are many stars who have graciously agreed to share some time with the campers and we must follow the rules that their managers set down which often include: no pictures, autographs, or giving of personal items. Please let your campers know this in advance of camp week as we don't want there to be any misunderstandings or music stars not agreeing to come back. We want campers to enjoy the week and not be focused on who they will meet that week-we often can't control how things might change and we will go over the rules at kick-off.