



## *Illinois Turner Camp*

### *Rules and Regulations*

Parents or Guardians:

Illinois Turner Camp is open for another great year! We are looking forward to a wonderful camp season. Please review the rules below with your camper(s), as we hope you enforce them throughout the summer. Some rules and regulations have changed.

**CAMPERS MUST BE 6 YEARS OLD BY THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP OR GOING INTO 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE**

- The daily youth program starts promptly at 9:00 am at the shelter Monday-Thursday and 10:00am on Friday. Attendance is taken daily. Campers should be dressed appropriately for the day. (Gym shoes, athletic shorts or pants, t-shirts and hair tied back. Please no jean shorts!)
- Field trips will require a **MANDATORY** field trip t-shirt. This shirt must be worn on every field trip. This way we can ensure the safety of all the campers at all times. These shirts will cost \$10.00. Please pay this fee when you return your emergency form.
- During field trip days, there will be **NO** camp program provided.
- During non-camp program hours, children **MUST STAY OFF THE GYMNASTICS EQUIPMENT!**
- Swim lessons start promptly at 1:00 pm Monday-Friday. No camp children are to be at the pool from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.
- Afternoon and evening activities are fun but not mandatory.
  - **Monday** Handicrafts 3:30-4:30, Cheer/Dance 5:00-6:00, Lacrosse/Hockey 5:00-6:00, Movie 7:00-8:30.
  - **Tuesday** Outdoor Survival 3:30-4:30, Cooking 5:00-6:30, Games 7:00-8:00
  - **Wednesday** Handicrafts 3:30-4:30, Gymnastics 4:00-5:00, Pickle Ball/Nitro Ball 5:00-6:00, **Campfire 7:30-8:30**
  - **Thursday** Library 4:00-4:30, Volleyball 5:00-6:00, Family Game Night 7:00-8:00
  - **Friday** Handicrafts 3:30-4:30, Soccer 4:00-5:00, Awards 7:00-7:30
- During Evening activities there are **NO PETS** or **ALCOHOL** allowed.
- During the summer there are two sleep outs, a 10 and over and a 9 and under. We ask children attending the sleep outs **MUST** be present at program at least 3 of the 5 days.
- Campers attending the sleep out must be enrolled in the camp program with all fees paid in full and emergency form completed.

- Unfortunately, the camp program cannot accommodate visitors to sleep outs.
- Campers are expected to help clean up the shelter and surrounding area the following morning f a sleep out.
- To be a participant in the Water Show and/or final Show, campers are required to attend the youth program at least 3 full days.
- Parents are responsible for remaining in camp all day. If there is a need to leave a designated adult should be left in charge, campers should know who is in charge at all times. Parents who leave their campers unattended will be issued a warning. The second offense will be reported to the camp committee. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT "CAMP MOMS" KNOW THAT THEY ARE LISTED AS A CAMP MOM
- No child under the age of 8 is permitted at the pool or concession area without a responsible adult.
- Calendar events and news will be posted at the Shelter, Rath's, and Pool bulletin boards.
- Campers entering the youth program must be 6 years of age or entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Birth certificates may be requested.
- Curfew is a concern of the camp committee and should be enforced at all times.
- Please note the rules for the Rath's. No one under the age of 13 is permitted in the pool room at any time. No one under the age of 21 should stand or sit at the bar.
- Staff meetings are open for all parents.
- Parents are responsible for making sure their campers are ready for the day. Please apply sunscreen (this is not camp staff's responsibility), bring a hat and or bottles of water if needed.
- Field Trips:
  - Please remember drivers are responsible for all children in their vehicle while driving.
  - If you plan on driving make sure a copy of your driver's license and insurance is on file.

During any camp organized activity, the staff is going to enforce the rules for misconduct, including, but not limited to, the following: using violence, force, noise, profanity/obscenity, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, bullying, or other comparable conduct toward anyone or urging other campers to engage in such conduct.

## Behavior Management Plan

Effective discipline has two purposes: to encourage self-esteem, self-control and responsibility; and to discourage irresponsibility and inappropriate behavior. To be effective, discipline must be a part of a positive, respectful relationship between adult and child. While children cannot assume the same rights and responsibilities as adults, they can be treated as equals in terms of worth and respect. Discipline is not only stopping children from doing wrong; it's helping them to do right. The most effective way to discipline is to prevent problems from arising in the first place.

Rules are more likely to be followed if they are:

**Consistent** - don't change every day

**Explicit** - are clearly defined and understood by the child

**Predictable** - are known ahead of time

**Upheld** - there is follow-through with a consequence when a rule is broken

When children are anxious, they often become agitated and behave inappropriately. As they gain a sense of security from knowing what to expect, their anxiety decreases which in turn reduces inappropriate behavior.

### Three Strike Policy

Illinois Turner Camp has implemented a three-strike behavior policy. The first infraction of the behavior management plan will result in a verbal warning. The second infraction will result in time-out or loss of privilege. The third infraction will result in loss of privilege and notification of the parent(s) at the end of the camp day. Two three-strike days will result in a conference involving the counselor, the Camp director, a member of the ITC Youth Committee, the camper, and his or her parent(s). Three three-strike days will result in a one-day suspension from the camp program. Four or more three-strike days could result in further suspension or dismissal from the program. **Serious infractions will be handled on a case by case basis.**

### Zero Tolerance Policy

Illinois Turner Camp has a zero tolerance policy in regards to physical aggression. Any camper who commits an act of physical aggression against another camper, staff member, or parent will be immediately dismissed and be escorted to his or her cottage by a member of the Camp staff. The camper may be reinstated after a conference with staff, Youth Committee, and the child's parent(s). During any camp organized activity, the staff is going to enforce the rules for misconduct, including, but not limited to, the following: using violence, force, noise, profanity/obscenity, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, bullying, or other comparable conduct toward anyone or urging other campers to engage in such conduct.

- **First offense:** Camper(s) will be asked to sit out for the remainder of the activity.
- **Second offense:** Camper(s) will be escorted back to their cottage for the remainder of the activity or the rest of the camp day.
- **Third offense:** Camper(s) will meet with the Director and the Youth Committee to discuss the matter

If you have any questions please feel free to ask Director or your Youth Committee

We do ask if you have anything to discuss with the staff please wait until appropriate working hours and please do not talk to life guards while on duty. Life guards need to have all eyes on the pool. Safety is our number one concern.

- **Program Fees:**
  - **Members:**
    - ***\$175 for the youth program for the summer (INCLUDES POOL TAG)***
    - ***\$20 daily fee***
    - ***\$40.00 for pool tag for the summer***
  - **Non Members:**
    - ***\$30.00 dollars per day, includes daily pool pass, does not include weekends***

Thank you,

#### The 2016 Illinois Turner Camp Staff:

**Camp Director:** Erin Beck **Assistant Camp Director:** Lili Fuiju & Teagan Hammontree **Pool Director:** Alexa Beschorner **Assistant Pool Directors:** Jodi VanDahm, Caleigh Walsh & Teagan Hammontree **Counselors:** Kelli VanDahm, Megan Dorn, Savanah Zbinden, Chloe Walsh, Nick Gerstbrein, Avyn Alairys. Mackenzie Boress, Dylan Brooks, Abby Garelli, Christa Gebhardt, Kyle Smith Madison Dahm & Matthew Litza

#### The 2015 Illinois Turner Camp Youth Committee:

**Co-Chair:** Laura Koehler & Ashley Stevenson **Youth Memebers:** Kim Beschorner, Becky Tuecke, Pat O'Brien, Brian Vinson, Todd Borck, Shawn Dahm and Kate Ganatos