

BIRCH TRAIL CAMPER CONDUCT POLICY & TRAVEL RELEASE

Birch Trail is a small, child-centered community where girls function in an atmosphere dedicated to individual growth. The intensive group living situations inherent in cabin life can foster various role-playing gestures and peer pressures. Since our camp population is only a sampling of our society, we think it is important to say clearly both what Birch Trail's standards are and what action we will take in our role as "substitute parents" in the event that these standards are not met. We ask that parents and campers read, discuss, sign and return this statement.

We expect that each camper's behavior will be positive and beneficial, both for herself and for others. Actions that are illegal or improper at home are illegal and improper in camp; in the extreme, this would include possession of tobacco or other smoking products, controlled substances or the like. Behavior that is harmful or potentially harmful to a camper or to others, like persistent verbal or physical aggression, theft, vandalism or violation of safety rules, is also inappropriate. We reserve the right to search a camper's possessions if we have reason to suspect that she has any materials or substances contrary to this policy.

Our group living situation requires decent treatment to fellow campers and staff, together with adherence to our rules for safety. Birch Trail reserves the right to dismiss, without tuition refund and at the Director's sole discretion, any camper whose behavior, condition, conduct or influence is deemed harmful, unsatisfactory or detrimental to herself or to the camp community or who violates camp rules and regulations.

I have read and discussed Birch Trail's Conduct Policy with my daughter and agree to abide by your procedures.

**PARENT: _____ DATE: _____

**Print Name: _____

I have read and understand Birch Trail's Conduct Policy and agree to abide by your procedures.

**CAMPER: _____ DATE: _____

**Print Name: _____

TRAVEL RELEASE:

An opportunity for your daughter to travel out of camp might come up during the course of the summer. We need to have your written consent before we release your daughter to anyone; please complete the following and sign below so that we can honor your preferences.

_____ My daughter may travel out of camp with any other camper's parents, relatives or legal guardians. (In this case you will not receive notification prior to your daughter's departure.)

_____ My daughter may only go out of camp with: _____

_____ I do not give permission for my daughter to leave camp with anyone other than Birch Trail Staff.

**Your Signature _____ Date _____