



# LGCS Pledge - Be GREAT!

Welcome to Long Grove Country School Summer Camp! We have planned fun activities for each week for our campers. The campers participate in different daily activities including sports, animals, learning about wildlife, and many other activities.

We are going to have a **GREAT!** summer.

**G:** **G**reet everyone with a smile.

**R:** build **R**elationships with new friends

**E:** learn and follow the **E**xpectations with behavior and routine

**A:** together we will create **A** amazing memories from camp

**I:** **T**eamwork makes the dream work!

## Our Commitment

We're committed to providing an environment where everyone feels welcome, respected, and valued. Discrimination, harassment, and bullying will not be tolerated.

## Who This Applies To

This pledge is our "Code of Conduct" and covers everyone involved in our LGCS Community. It includes, but is not limited to, students, campers, families, counselors and staff. Our goal is always to work with our parents and families as team for the children. Please review this with your child(ren) to help make this an amazing experience for all of the children.

# LGCS's Expectations - "Be GREEAT!"

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Part of our mission to Be Great includes following Expectations. In order for children to follow our expectations, it is important to ensure that we are communicating these to our families and their children. Please discuss these expectations with your child before camp. We will be reviewing them at camp too. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. By signing the LGCS Pledge, you acknowledge your responsibility to:

- **Be Safe at LGCS - Safety is priority.**
  - All campers are required to stay with their assigned groups at all times.
  - Always walk inside, in the parking lot and around animals.
  - Follow all animal safety protocols.
  - All campers will keep their hands to themselves. "Roughhousing" is discouraged. Fighting and threatening physical abuse is not acceptable behavior.
  - Violence of any kind will not be tolerated at LGCS.
- **Create a Positive Environment:**
  - Commit to treating all people with respect.
  - You will not engage in any negative language or behavior.
  - Respect everyone's unique background and preferences.
  - Bullying or aggressive behavior of any kind is unacceptable.
- **Respectful and Kind Words:**
  - Summer Camp is a time to make new friends. Kindness is always a great tool for getting to know someone.
  - Rudeness, lack of courtesy, and disrespect for authority will not be tolerated. Disrespectful, abusive language will not be a part of camp.
  - No profanity, racial slurs, bullying, violent language, or put downs.
- **Respect Personal Space and Property:**
  - All guests will respect each other's personal property and the school property.
  - Children should only be touching their own belongings. (Do not touch other campers' or staff's belongings.)
  - Respect the property at LGCS this includes outside toys, books, and other items at LGCS. Do not damage or deface camp facilities or property.
  - **Ask for help when needed**
  - Let us know if you are sick
  - Try to use your words with a friend if there is a conflict. The counselors are always here to help.
  - Let us know if there is anything you need assistance with.

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- **Respect Nature - Animal Safety**

- Hand sanitize or wash: "We hand sanitize before visiting the animals to keep them safe and after to keep us safe."
- No Running - This scares the animals and sometimes they think it is a game. With the smaller animals, someone could easily step on them and hurt the animal or themselves.
- Stay calm and use an indoor voice: We want the animals to feel safe around us.
- Fingers: Be very careful feeding animals. Fingers look like food. Use the spoons or feeding cups provided for the animals.
- Gates: Only the counselors may open the gates. Counselors should make sure they are secure every time they leave.
- Bunnies: For everyone's safety, children may pet the animals but not hold them.
- Chickens: Do not chase them. Always be gentle. Be safe with eyes and fingers.
- Goats: The goats are like big puppies. They may jump. Push them down like a dog. Use the spoon to feed them.
- Equine: Most are very gentle but they do have big teeth. Use the spoon to feed them.

- **No Phone Policy** (This does not apply to medical conditions)

- Focus on Camp Activities: LGCS wants campers to engage fully in the activities, programs, and social interactions that are the core of the camp experience.
- Promote Face-to-Face Interaction: A phone-free environment encourages campers to connect with their peers and counselors in person, fostering social skills and friendships.
- Reduce Distractions and Stress: Constant access to phones can be distracting and lead to stress, especially for campers who may be homesick or struggling to adjust to camp life.
- Minimize Exposure: Camp should be a safe and positive environment, and phones can be a source of exposure to inappropriate content.
- Allow for a Break from Technology: In a world where children are constantly surrounded by technology, summer camp can be a valuable opportunity to unplug and reconnect with nature and real-life experiences.
- What Parents Can Expect:
  - Confiscation of Phones: All camper phones will be stored in a bin.
  - Staff Access to Phones: All staff will have access to Procure. Our preferred method of communication is Messages sent through Procure. While campers are typically not allowed phones, camp staff may have access to their phones for communication, emergencies and safety purposes. Please call the office phone if you have any immediate issues. Leave a message if it goes to voicemail and someone will return your call promptly.

# Safety Non-Negotiable

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The following two items are non-negotiable and not tolerated for the safety of all at Summer Camp. Disregarding the following may result in removal from Summer Camp. Removal from Summer Camp is Non-Refundable

- **Violence**: Any violence - physical or verbal violence threatening harm is not allowed at LGCS for any reason.
- **Staying with Assigned Groups**: Being on a large property, campers must stay with their group at all times. Wandering the property alone or leaving your group because you prefer another activity is not acceptable. Most of the children are really good with this. We are asking parents to help reinforce this expectation from home too.

## How to Report Issues

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**Speak Up:** If you're uncomfortable or see something wrong, tell a supervisor or use our report system. It can be anonymous.

**Investigation:** We take every report seriously. We'll look into it promptly, respecting everyone's privacy.

**Resolution:** Our goal is always to work with our families as a team to provide the best environment with our students, campers, families and staff. We'll do what's needed to fix the situation, which could include mediation or disciplinary action.

# Together

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By following this LGCS Pledge, we all contribute to a positive and creative environment at Long Grove Country School. Let's work together to keep Summer Camp respectful and welcoming for everyone. By signing this document, I am confirming that I have reviewed LGCS Summer Camp Expectations and have discussed them with my child. I understand that these guidelines are required for participation at Summer Camp.

Name of Children	
Guardian Name (Print)	
Signature	
Date	