



Heads Up! Hartford Policies and Expectations - 2020

The following policies are in place to help provide a safe environment where campers and adults are able to live the HUH mission each and every day of Camp. All questions concerning policies should be referred to a Camp Director: Julie McGarry at julie.a.mcgarry@gmail.com, or 860-212-5859.

1. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, CIGARETTE SMOKING, VAPING, OR ANY SEXUAL ACTIVITIES – any of these infractions by campers, counselors or staff will be cause for immediate dismissal.

2. Excessive PDA's

(Public Displays of Affection) such as touching, kissing, and sitting on laps will not be tolerated. Excessive PDA's will be grounds for immediate camper/counselor dismissal or warnings, depending on severity of infraction.

3. Attendance Policy

No campers can come to HUH for just a day or part of a day. Attendance is expected for all five nights of camp.

4. Leave Time Policy

Except in the event of a medical emergency, no camper is allowed to leave HUH early or come late for any reason, or leave the Camp for ANY portion of time, without previous clearance from a Director or their designee. In rare cases, a Camp Director may approve a limited absence but such requests must be approved prior to camp (**email Julie McGarry at julie.a.mcgarry@gmail.com**).

5. Cell Phone Policy

Please leave all screens behind, except for using the Zoom software during camp sessions. We encourage interaction among the registered campers and no camper cell phones will be allowed.

6. Expected Behavior

All campers are expected to act in a mature and responsible manner. During scheduled activities, the expectation is for campers to pay attention, give respect to the presenter, to be on time, and participate. We are working very hard to project a respected, valued image in the Hartford area community and we are looking to build respect for our program, which is imperative for future Camps and community support.

7. Expected Dress

All campers are expected to dress appropriately. **A crew neck t-shirt is the preferred shirt style.**

- NO wearing of midriff shirts, tops with spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, or tank tops
- NO wearing of short shorts or skirts
- Be able to stand, sit in a chair, and bend over without compromising modesty
- NO wearing of clothing with captions, images and/or logos that could be disrespectful or offensive of others, including those suggesting or promoting violence, alcohol, sex, or drugs.

Campers who do not adhere to this policy will be asked to go and change into appropriate clothing.

8. Discipline

Anyone violating these policies or acting in a disruptive or unruly manner will be referred to the Camp Director for appropriate action. A Camp Director reserves the right, in their discretion, to dismiss a camper, counselor, or staff, and to **remove campers from the remainder of the camp week's programming.**

9. Expectations for Summer Camp

The HUH Camp program revolves around choices. Counselors and staff will do their best to work with campers in helping them make the best behavior choices. Counselors and staff will follow the steps outlined above in reinforcing positive behavior and changing any negative behavior.

- Positive Reinforcement: Staff will strive to give as many positive comments and as much recognition as possible to campers who are meeting expectations.
- Friendly Reminder: Staff will give a quiet reminder, explain any inappropriate behavior, and let the camper know what is expected and the consequences associated if the negative behavior continues.
- Time Out: Staff may use a timeout period to redirect and focus the camper’s behavior.
- Conference with Camp Director: Staff will inform a camp director if a problem continues. A written discipline report will be given and shared with the camper’s parents.
- Parent Phone Call: If problems continue, a camp director will contact the camper’s parents.
- Major Rule Violations: These include aggressive action taken by one camper toward another person or blatant disregard of the rules. Examples of major rule violations include aggressive or physical contact (pushing, shoving, hitting, fighting, etc.); any verbal abuse (cursing, threats, teasing, etc.); destruction of property (other campers’ belongings, camp materials, or public property). These violations will be dealt with as follows:
 - First Offense: A written discipline report will be given and the parent(s) will be contacted by phone. Depending on the severity of the offense, the camper may be dismissed from camp, with no refund of camp fees.
 - Second offense: Further violations of a major rule could result in expulsion from camp with no fee refund and no opportunity to return in the future.

I am a Camper:

I hereby agree to participate respectfully in HUH and to abide by the rules laid down and noted above for the week. I understand that I may be dismissed from HUH camp if I do not comply. I understand that although this mission trip is close to home, I will not contact my home or friends not participating in HUH during this time. I will not bring a cell phone or computer or any electronic media to this event.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am a Parent/Guardian of a Camper:

I understand the policies as stated and have discussed them with my child. Both my child and I are in complete agreement with the policies as stated.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am a Counselor/Staff Person:

I understand the policies as stated, agree to adhere to the above stated policies, and agree to hold campers accountable for these policies.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____