

8th Grade Field Studies

Student Contract

Name _____

Field Studies provides a great opportunity for students to learn about themselves – not only as individuals demonstrating independence but also as members of a group. Field Studies also provides an opportunity for students to use these skills in an outdoor setting among peers. To create a successful, enjoyable experience for all, The Overlake School expects each student to behave in a manner that promotes learning and does not compromise his/her personal safety or the safety of others. For this reason, all rules and guidelines for The Overlake School are in effect; in addition, students must adhere to the following expectations and rules while participating at Field Studies:

Students are expected to demonstrate personal responsibility by...

- 1.) Not using electronic devices to call, text, surf internet, or play games at Field Studies.
- 2.) Never entering girls camp (if a boy) or boys camp (if a girl).
- 3.) Not leaving their tents after 10pm, except to use the restroom or get help from an adult. No exceptions.
- 4.) Following safety instructions around camp and while participating in outdoor activities.

Students are expected to contribute positively to the group by...

- 1.) Coming prepared and arriving on time for all classes, activities, meals and meetings. Please be alert and aware of the schedule.
- 2.) Participating in group activities with a cooperative attitude.
- 3.) Not participating in pranks or allowing others to do so.
- 4.) Treating everyone – students, faculty, director, guests – with respect.

Student are expected to be respectful of their surroundings by...

- 1.) Following all YMCA camp rules and following directions provided by the Camp Director.
- 2.) Maintaining a clean environment at camp and on outdoor activities.
- 3.) Remembering to “Leave No Trace.”

Unplug! A special note about electronics:

Phones: Just as phones are not allowed in the classroom, phones are not allowed at Field Studies. It is imperative that students first speak to any faculty member if there is a problem or concern. If students need to contact their parents while at Field Studies, they are to see their advisor or any faculty member.

Music/Electronics: Students are allowed to bring iPods or other musical devices – if it is not a phone – to listen to music in their tent. Ear buds must be used – no speakers. Musical devices are not allowed around camp or on outdoor activities. No other electronic gaming devices are allowed at Field Studies.

Participating in Field Studies is a privilege. Students who do not meet these expectations and adhere to the set rules will face consequences. In the event a student is asked to leave Field Studies early, a parent must make arrangements to immediately retrieve the student. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the list of expectations and understand them. Furthermore, you accept your responsibility in meeting them and the possible consequences should you not meet them.

(Print Name)

(Student signature)

(Parent signature)