

## Policies and procedures

### Camp Agape Bereavement Camp for Children Policies and procedures

#### **Dress code:**

- Short shorts are inappropriate at a Christian camp. All shorts should at least have a 3 inch inseam
- Spaghetti strap tops (girls), and tank tops (boys and girls) will not be allowed.
- One piece bathing suits only
- Closed heel and toe shoes for activities (i.e. tennis shoes)

#### **Lost and Found:**

- Each summer, items are lost for a variety of reasons. While Camp
- Agape cannot accept liability for lost items, the staff will attempt to find missing items.
- Lost items should be reported to the Camp Agape staff as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks after the camper leaves camp. After this, items will be donated to charity.

#### **Medical/Nurse:**

- The nurse and/or assistant will be able to treat minor scrapes and illnesses.
- In case of an emergency, our camp doctor is on call 24 hours a day.
- When necessary, campers/staff will be transported to Seton Highland Lakes Medical Center in Burnet, which is 20 minutes from camp
- Attempts will be made to contact the person designated as the emergency contact of the camper/staff who suffer any injury or illness that are not routine to daily camp activity
- Because of the importance of proper medical information, no participants will be officially registered or be allowed to remain at camp unless the medical portion of the registration packet has been properly filled out and signed
- Parents, guardians, and staff are responsible for all doctor, hospital, medications, or other medical expenses that might be incurred during the camp session. This includes all injuries, illnesses, or other mishaps that require a doctor's visit and/or transportation to the doctor or appropriate care facility. Therefore, all individuals attending camp are required to be covered by health/medical insurance or provide responsibility of care documentation, which will cover expenses, occurred during camp.

**Phone use and Communication:**

- Campers may not receive or make phone calls at camp.
- Telephone communication to and from home is limited to emergency situations, which must be approved by either the Camp Director or Administrator. Phone calls can disrupt a camper's daily activities and can hinder a camper from fully enjoying the camp environment. In addition, experience proves that phone calls tend to increase homesickness. Concerned parents are welcome to call the camp to speak with the staff about their camper
- We at Camp Agape understand the importance of family. For this reason we will allow staff members to bring cell phones. However, use of cell phones will be restricted as it could disrupt the atmosphere at camp and increase homesickness among the campers
- Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately should we sense that your camper has any unusually upsetting experiences.

**Visitors:**

- Campers/Staff may not receive visitors while they are at camp
- Please be sure to notify grandparents and other relatives of this policy

**Homesickness:**

- Homesickness hits all ages
- Please choose your words carefully when writing letters to your camper. Comments about empty rooms, sad pets, and picking campers up early tend to stir up feelings of homesickness
- If a camper becomes homesick, our staff will do our best to help him/her enjoy the camp session.