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Rules, Regulations, and Grouping Letter

May 1, 2019

Dear Parent and Teen Camper,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2019 Camp Apollo Teen Program. We are looking forward to providing your teen with a fun, memorable and safe summer camp experience. On days where Teens do not have an early in and/or late return, the camp day will begin at 10:00 A.M. and end at 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The season begins on Monday, July 8th and ends on Friday, August 16th. Please note that this year the program will operate out of **Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School**.

Each camper has a responsibility to act in a way that ensures a positive experience for all. All campers are required to the follow these Rules and Regulations.

- 1. Campers are responsible for their words and actions and must be respectful and courteous to all campers, counselors, staff members and bus drivers. Campers must be respectful to the employees of the places where we visit, eat or stay.
- 2. Campers must follow directions of all staff members. Campers must adhere to all program rules and procedures. Refusal to follow the behavior guidelines may result in being sent home immediately, missing a day or week of trips or being removed from the program for the remainder of the summer.
- 3. Campers must remain with their assigned group and counselor. Campers need to have permission from the bus leader to change their group and counselor.
- 4. Campers must remain in their hotel room or assigned area and follow all directions on overnight trips.
- 5. Using profanity or inappropriate language or displaying clothing or other items with offensive content is prohibited.
- 6. Stealing, shoplifting, the use or possession of tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping items, drugs, alcohol or other illegal, harmful or dangerous items, possession of weapons or any object that may cause harm to another person or other inappropriate behavior will be grounds for immediate suspension or dismissal.
- 7. Endangering the health, safety and welfare of themselves, other campers, and/or staff members is prohibited. Campers must speak with a counselor immediately if they hear another camper talking about something that is dangerous, dramatic or unsafe.
- 8. Campers must wear camp shirts and promptly submit all necessary paper work including medicals, trip consent forms, and waivers.
- 9. Campers must respect the rights and privacy of all campers and staff. Campers must not use blogs or personal websites to harass, bully or intimidate other campers, or employees. Behaviors that constitute harassment and bullying include, but are not limited to, comments that are derogatory with respect to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, color, or disability; humiliating, or demeaning comments; and threats to stalk, haze or physically injure another person. In addition, campers must understand that name-calling, unwanted teasing, unkind behaviors, and exclusion of others from camp activities is prohibited.
- 10. Campers are responsible for any damages to property that they may cause. Campers are advised to leave all electronic devices at home such as cell phones, I-Pods, hand held computer games, etc. The Camp will not be responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of these electronic devices if brought to camp.
- 11. Campers must carefully adhere to the daily schedule and take responsibility to be on time.
- 12. Campers must adhere to a strictly enforced cell phone use policy, which will limit when and where cell phones may be used.
- 13. Campers may not publish photos of any camp activity that includes campers or staff members on any social networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. The only camp photos that can be posted are those photos posted by the camp on the Camp Apollo's secure website.

Failure to comply with the Rules and Regulations of Camp Apollo's Teen Program as outlined above will be dealt with severely and may result in suspension or dismissal from daily and/or overnight activities. No refunds will be given for any activities missed due to suspension and/or dismissal.

In order to place you in a group with your friends it is necessary that you return this form. Please understand that we can only guarantee that you will be placed with 1 of your choices, not necessarily the 1st choice. We will make every effort to honor your requests. Groups will be comprised of youngsters of the same sex and grade level.

Due to the numbers of campers enrolled in various grades, it <u>may</u> be necessary to split grade assignments on buses both on day trips and overnights.

This letter **MUST** be signed by a parent or legal guardian **AND** the camper and returned in its entirety. **NO GROUPING REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED AFTER JUNE 1st.**

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Camp Apollo Teen Program.

Parent's or Guardian's Sig	rnature	Camper's Signature
Mail to:	Camp Apollo P.O. Box 34 Plainview, New York 11803	;
Camper's Full Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		
School:	Present	Grade:
I would like to be placed	with (include first and last name):	
1		
2		
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ONCE WE HAVE GROUPED THE CAMPERS, IT WILL BE <u>IMPOSSIBLE</u> TO CHANGE THEIR GROUP OR BUS!

We look forward to a wonderful camp season.

Nicole Binder
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Teen Director