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Summer Camp Safety Guidelines

1. Educate staff about abusers, their tactics and likely victims.

An Abuser May:

- seem overly interested in one particular child
- find reasons to be alone with a child
- provide special privileges or gifts to a child
- cross boundaries, such as wrestling, tickling, telling inappropriate jokes, or "accidentally" exposing himself
- find reasons to have physical contact with a child
- ask a child questions about his physical/sexual development

Abusers often target children who:

- are loners
- are people pleasers
- have unstable home lives
- have very busy home lives, and don't get enough attention from their parents
- have special needs

2. Establish a "whistle blower policy."

If staff members see other staff members breaking the guidelines, they should report the behavior immediately to either of the following two people:

3. Create clear guidelines for staff, go over them in person, distribute in writing, and have each staff member sign.

Recommended Guidelines for Staff:

- DO NOT be alone with a camper at any time, including car rides and bathroom visits. Have two staff members present with a group of campers whenever possible.
- Physical contact should be limited to high fives and half (not full body) hugs. DO NOT engage in physical contact that could be interpreted as sexual (a pat on the bottom) or aggressive (wrestling). These guidelines should be enforced between campers as well.
- DO NOT ask a child to keep a secret.
- DO NOT show favoritism, or give special treatment to any camper.
- DO NOT joke with campers in a way that could make them feel embarrassed or singled out.
- DO NOT tell jokes that include sexual innuendo, racism, or that could be perceived as inappropriate.

I agree to follow the guidelines listed above, and to report violations of these guidelines to the staff members specified above.

Name:

Date:

Signature:

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