

Palmyra Middle School – 7th Grade

Outdoor Education Program – Camp Swatara
Student Behavior Contract

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I would like to start by thanking you for the cooperation and support shown to our Palmyra Middle School Outdoor Education Program. To ensure continuing success and safety for over 300 students, counselors, and teachers during the course of our two weeks at Camp Swatara, it is essential that all campers follow appropriate individual and group behavior. To help prevent problems at Camp Swatara the Palmyra Middle School Staff is requesting that you and your child review and sign this student behavior contract.

I understand that my child's behavior is a reflection on the Palmyra Middle School Outdoor Education Program and the entire Palmyra School District. Therefore, we agree to abide by the following rules:

- 1. Palmyra PRIDE (preparation, respect, integrity, determination, and empathy) is to be practiced toward other campers, counselors and the entire adult staff at all times during the Outdoor Education week at Camp Swatara.***
- 2. Follow and abide by all the "Do not bring list" items, which appear on the Clothing and Equipment List. This list has been given prior to the fall field trip. It will, again, be given before your Outdoor Education week.***
- 3. Follow all the rules established by the Palmyra Middle School for student behavior as per the student handbook and overall district discipline policies, while at Camp Swatara. The Outdoor Education Program is an extension of the Palmyra Middle School experience so even though we are not on the grounds of the district, all school and district policies regarding behavior apply.***
- 4. Follow all the rules given, shared, and posted at Camp Swatara during the week.***
 - ❖ Remain on pathways unless directed otherwise
 - ❖ Appropriate behavior and proper use of public facilities (i.e. cabins, restrooms/bathhouse, dining hall, outdoor areas)
 - ❖ No running unless directed otherwise
 - ❖ Proper use of recreational equipment (i.e. boats, mini-golf, etc.)
 - ❖ Preserve all plant and animal life (do not pick up or remove objects in nature unless directed otherwise)

Note: If for any reason the above rules are broken, or behavior(s) is in question, it will be the discretion of the director in conjunction with the administration to determine the consequences of the behavior(s). Parents/guardians may be called and asked to pick up their child at Camp Swatara. The student will also be assigned appropriate disciplinary actions in the event they are sent home from camp. These disciplinary actions will be assigned as a result of discussions between the administration, director and/or camp staff. The disciplinary actions will be implemented at the middle school upon the child's return from camp in compliance with district rules and policies. There will be no camp fee refund. In addition, the curriculum provided by Outdoor Education will not be able to be reproduced here at school. Therefore, if your child is in attendance at PAMS, he/she will be participating in the regular curriculum of the another 7 grade team.

We have read and discussed the above guidelines and agree to abide by them during the Outdoor Education Program at Camp Swatara.

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____ Phone # _____ Student HR# _____