

Camp Moomba Behaviour Agreement

We know Camp Moomba is special because it is a place where campers are able to be themselves, and are included as part of a community. At YouthCO, we have many years of experience when it comes to creating safe and fun places to be, and we want camp to be safe and fun for everyone. We love camp, and want all our campers and camp families to love it too!

Our goal at camp is always to have fun and be safe, and we need everyone at camp – campers, volunteers, staff, and visitors – to make that come to life.

This is a behaviour agreement that has been built on Moomba's approach to camp and YouthCO's values. We will spend some time talking about this agreement on the first day of camp. After these agreements are discussed, campers will have the opportunity to ask questions. We will use this to guide our decision making throughout camp!

By coming to camp, campers agree to:

- **be part of our camp philosophy, "friends together having fun"!** This means participating in camp activities, engaging with other campers, and asking for help or sharing problems that may come up.
- **respect each camper's and family's choice about whether or not to share their connection to HIV outside camp.** Information about who comes to camp and the HIV status of campers and their family is closely protected.
- **commit to our technology and social media agreement, and our photography and video agreement.**
- **avoid violence**, including physical fights, bullying, and hurtful words. Campers are encouraged to talk to counselors at camp to find ways we can address things that make us angry, sad, upset, or frustrated.
- **leave any illegal substances, alcohol, or weapons at home**, and let a counsellor know if they come across any of these items while at camp. Campers will be given an opportunity on the first day to pass any items on this list to YouthCO staff. After this opportunity, if items on this list are discovered, it may result in a camper being sent home.
- **respect the rules of our host camps, YMCA Camp Elphinstone (summer) and Evans Lake (winter).**

As a camp program, we agree to following these agreements for ourselves as well!

We also commit to speaking with campers as soon as possible when we hear or see behaviour at camp that goes against our philosophy of friends together having fun. During these conversations, we will make a plan to change the behaviour and provide support for the campers involved to achieve this goal. We will call camper's caregivers to share any concerning developments. Our goal is always to make camp work for every camper.