

PARENT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

The following information is important for the safety and protection of your child. Please read the information, and sign this form to acknowledge your receipt and understanding of the Merrimack Valley YMCA's procedures governing the safety of children in our programs. Included is a copy of our Association's Code of Conduct that all staff must abide by. Any witnessed offenses or known breeches to this code of conduct should be reported to a Branch Executive, Human Resources Director or the President and CEO.

I understand that YMCA staff and volunteers are not allowed to babysit or transport children at any time outside of the YMCA program. Immediate disciplinary action will be taken by the YMCA toward staff & volunteers if a violation is discovered.

I understand that at no time may a staff person be alone with a single child where they cannot be observed by others. This means no one-on-one supervision of children.

I understand that children will not be allowed to leave a licensed program with an unauthorized person. Any person authorized to pick up a child must be listed on the YMCA registration card, or other arrangements must be made with the Camp Director. Valid photo ID must be presented at time of pick up to verify identity.

I understand that if a person arriving to pick up a child appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, staff may have no recourse but to contact the police, for the child's safety. Please do not put staff in a position where they have to make this judgment call.

I understand that the YMCA prohibits inappropriate talk, jokes or sharing details of one's personal life, and prohibits any kind of harassment in the presence of children or parents.

I understand that the YMCA is mandated, by state law, to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities for investigation.

I have read and understand the statements above and received a copy of the YMCA Code of Conduct.

Camper's Name (Please Print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date