



# Unirondack Community Compact

Unirondack is a community that depends on its members to treat one another with caring and respect. Please join with us in ensuring the emotional and physical safety of every member of the community by entering into this compact with us.

**CARING FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS:** Unirondack adheres to UU values and principles. We treat ourselves and others with respect and understanding, recognizing the worth and dignity of each individual. We work together to encourage acceptance of differences, positive resolution of conflicts, and gentle treatment of ourselves and others. Physical expressions of anger or taking potentially harmful risks are unacceptable in our community. Campers are expected to practice good personal care, including showering, getting adequate sleep, and eating a healthy a nutritious diet each day.

**SWIMMING AND BOATING:** Campers are permitted to swim at the waterfront swimming area only while a certified staff lifeguard is on duty. Youth campers are permitted to use boating equipment only while a staff member is on duty at the waterfront boating area. Detailed rules pertaining to swimming and boating will be distributed and discussed at the beginning of each camp session.

**SMOKING:** The use of tobacco is prohibited at Unirondack because it is a fire hazard and is a health hazard to ourselves and others. Please make arrangements with your medical practitioner for managing your nicotine withdrawal well in advance of coming to camp.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Unirondack is an alcohol-free community. The misuse of alcohol can cause great damage to both youth and adults, and the use of alcohol by persons under 21 is illegal. Summer camps run a particular risk because alcohol related incidents are frequently the cause of cancellation of insurance and the closing of camps.

**DRUGS:** Federal and state laws prohibit the possession and use of illegal drugs. Because of the risk posed to the Unirondack community and its members, the promotion of drug use, possession or use of illegal substances, or the misuse of prescription medications is prohibited.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** We encourage you to leave your electronic devices at home. We have no cell phone reception and other devices detract from the camp experience. More campers lose, than use, their devices when they mistakenly bring them.

**DANGEROUS OBJECTS:** Weapons or dangerous objects of any kind, including firearms and fireworks, must not be brought to camp. This includes fishing and pocket knives.

**MEDICINES:** Special or prescribed medicines that youth campers may need during their stay must be left with the nurse, along with written instructions from a doctor for their use.

**ABSENCE FROM CAMP:** Unirondack is responsible for the safety and well-being of campers at all times during their stay. For that reason, campers must be in the company of a staff member, parent or guardian when leaving camp grounds and must have the Director's approval. Adult campers should notify designated staff before leaving camp property as we must know everyone's whereabouts in case of fire or other emergency..

**FAMILIES AND SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN** When families are at camp, parents are responsible for supervising and knowing the whereabouts of their children at all times when their children are not involved in staff supervised activities.

**I have read and understand this agreement. I am aware that by entering into this compact my child agrees to adhere to this agreement. I understand that his or her failure to do so may result in immediate and potentially permanent expulsion from camp. I will be responsible for transporting my child home should this occur.**

Print Parent or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understand this agreement. I agree to abide by this compact. I understand that failure to do so may result in immediate and permanent expulsion from camp.**

Print Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_