



## Camper Covenant Grades 7-12

At Camp Friedenswald we want Camp to be a safe and sacred place for all people. We know that sometimes feelings are hurt, people are left out or bullied and that Camp can be a vulnerable place, away from what is familiar. Camp can involve taking risks in a new community.

**In order to help Camp be a safe place for everyone we hope that parents will talk with their youth about: asking for help, speaking up when they see or experience something hurtful or confusing, and including others.** We have created this covenant as a way to shape conversations at home and in the cabin with the hopes that it will help make Camp a place where each person feels they belong.

Please review with your camper prior to coming to camp

*WE PROMOTE INCLUSIVE BEHAVIOR:* Camp Friedenswald desires to provide an atmosphere where regardless of identity all feel safe, accepted, and included. This sense of belonging in the community is one of the most important and unique aspects of Camp. Exclusive (one-on-one) relationships prevent our community from being inclusive of everyone

*WE REQUIRE RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR:* Camp Friedenswald is a place where all are encouraged and empowered to be themselves. This sense of respect should extend to others, God, the facilities, and the earth and all its inhabitants. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this intentional care of our community and the earth, noticing beauty and kindness all around. .

- Out of respect for the safety and care for one another, sexualized or intimate behavior is not permitted anytime at Camp.
- Violent behaviors (physical, verbal, sexual, etc) and the use of substances (drugs, alcohol, nicotine products) cause harm and destroy the safe atmosphere of Camp are not tolerated.

*WE ENCOURAGE OPEN-MINDEDNESS:* Campers are encouraged to remain open to growing in unexpected ways through new relationships, ideas, and activities.