

# FLOWER CITY WORK CAMP

## Rules

Review the following rules for Camp before submitting your student application. Any questions should be directed to your Youth Leader or the Student Registration Coordinator, Jill Herman.

**Rule 1:** Students may not leave Home Base or their Work Site during Work Camp (i.e., from arrival on Monday until dismissal on Friday). Specifically - No doctor or dentist appointments, jobs, sports practices, running. No taking students to home for showers. No taking to restaurant for lunch. No arriving at Camp late for registration. No leaving camp early for vacation, sporting, or school events. No leaving camp on Friday morning before dismissal.

**Reasons:** Full participation in camp. Safety. Security. Fairness to other students. Get the most out of Camp.

**Consequences:** Students who leave camp will not be permitted to return. Students who leave camp early may not be accepted to attend Flower City Work Camp in subsequent years.

**Exceptions:** For a medical emergency you will be transported to the hospital or medical facility for immediate attention. For illness occurring while at your Work Site you will be transported to Home Base. Other exceptions are (rarely) granted with prior permission of the FCWC Executive Committee only.

**Rule 2:** No alcohol, cigarettes, or drugs.

**Reason:** Health of students. Obedience to the law.

**Consequences:** Substance will be confiscated and destroyed or turned over to the authorities. Discussion with Youth Leader/Pastor, parents, and/or police as needed. Possible arrest. Student may be dismissed from Camp.

**Exceptions:** None.

**Rule 3:** No personal listening or communication devices (cell phones, beepers, iPods, portable CD players, etc.)

**Reason:** Our desire is to promote community and communication and to avoid isolation. Personal listening devices limit communication. Our desire is that the focus of the week will be Flower City Work Camp and personal listening/communication devices are a distraction from that focus.

*PLEASE do not invite temptation – leave these items at home!*

**Consequence:** The device will be confiscated.

**Exceptions:** None.

**Rule 4:** No food or drink is permitted outside of the cafeteria or designated eating areas.

**Reason:** Prevent spills, mice, rats, ants, etc. We desire to respect the property of our host churches by keeping ALL food out of the sleeping rooms.

**Consequences:** Students will be asked to return to the eating area. Food found in the sleeping areas will be confiscated and stored in an acceptable place. This includes candy and gum.

**Exceptions:** None.

**Rule 5:** No showers before 5:00 AM or after lights out. (This applies to East Camp)

**Reason:** Students need sleep in order to work well during the day and stay awake during sessions.

**Consequence:** Students seen in the hallway will be told to return to their room. Discussion with the Youth Leader.

**Exceptions:** None.

**Rules 6:** No boys in girls' rooms or girls in boys' rooms.

**Reason:** To promote an atmosphere of purity. Eliminate possibility inappropriate behavior.

**Consequences:** Students seen in the wrong rooms will be asked to leave that room immediately. Discussion with the Youth Leader.

**Exceptions:** None.

## Rules (cont.)

- Rule 7:** No PDA's - public displays of affection (e.g., kissing, hugging, holding hands).  
**Reason:** PDA's distract from the focus of Work Camp.  
**Consequences:** Students will be asked to stop immediately. Discussion with the Youth Leader.  
**Exceptions:** None.
- Rule 8:** Students must attend all sessions (morning devotions, evening worship, and teaching time). Students must stay awake and participate during sessions.  
**Reason:** The Flower City Work Camp experience depends on participation in ALL aspects of Camp.  
**Consequence:** Students not attending a session will be escorted to the meeting room. Discussion with the Youth Leader.  
**Exceptions:** Illness or injury confirmed by an adult leader.
- Rule 9:** Students must attend all meals and eat. If a student is allergic to a particular food the kitchen staff should be notified so an alternative can be provided.  
**Reason:** It is important for students to maintain the strength needed to work properly and be attentive during sessions. Proper diet is vital to a successful Work Camp experience.  
**Consequence:** Students found missing a meal will be sent to the cafeteria. Discussion with the youth leader.  
**Exceptions:** None.
- Rule 10:** No telephone calls are to be made from Home Base or the Work Site. No borrowing of an adult's cell phone.  
**Reason:** Respect for Home Base and the homeowner's phone bills. Students should be focused on Camp and not on calling home, friends, etc.  
**Consequences:** Discussion with the Youth Leader.  
**Exceptions:** Major family crisis (e.g., illness or death in the family) as monitored by a Leader.  
**Note:** In case of emergency (e.g., "I forgot my sleeping bag"), Home Base will make calls on behalf of the student.
- Rule 11:** Visitors must obey the Visitor Policy established for Work Camp.  
**Reason:** FCWC is primarily for Work Camp participants. Facilities are already stretched to the limit with the number of people officially participating. Safety issues (need to monitor those who are in the building).  
**Consequences:** Visitors who "overstay their welcome" will be requested to leave.  
**Exceptions:** None.
- Rule 12:** All property at Home Base and on the Work Site should be treated with respect. No rough-housing or other behavior that could cause injury to others or damage to property.  
**Reason:** We desire to present a caring Christian witness to those for whom we work and to the churches that are generous to host us.  
**Consequences:** Broken or damaged property will be replaced or repaired by the responsible individual(s). If damage is done intentionally, student will be asked to leave camp.  
**Exceptions:** None.
- Rule 13:** Flower City participants should dress modestly. For example: underwear should be covered, no short shorts, no exposed midriffs. Participants will avoid inappropriate messages on clothing.  
**Reason:** It is our desire not to be a stumbling block to our brothers and sisters in Christ by the things we do or the clothes we wear.  
**Consequences:** Participants will be required to change clothes.  
**Exceptions:** None.

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## Areas of Maturity

### Expectations for All Students Participating in Flower City Work Camp

- † The following areas of maturity are required of all students attending Flower City Work Camp.
- † Please review these with your youth leader or pastor.
- † By signing your Student Application form, you are committing to live up to these expectations.
- † Failure to live up to these requirements will have consequences.

### **MATURITY TO WORK**

Flower City Work Camp requires three full days of work to complete the tasks on the Work Sites, Sidewalk Clubs and Sports Camps. All students are expected to give their best effort for all three days. This may mean working when you are tired or doing jobs that you may not "like."

### **MATURITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS**

All students are expected to fully participate in all morning and evening programs. This means participating in singing and praying, as well as giving full attention to the speaker during teaching times.

### **MATURITY TO OBEY LIGHTS OUT**

Sleep at Flower City Work Camp is a limited and precious commodity. It is critical all campers obey the time for lights out so they, and those around them, can get the rest they need to perform their work and be alert during programs.

### **MATURITY TO OBEY THE RULES**

All students and their parents are expected to read and obey the rules.