Appendix

Howdy Camp “At-Camp” Policies

Remaining On the Campgrounds

This policy is in place in order for camp to run smoothly and Howdy Camp participant safety is promoted and protected. Head counts are done regularly throughout the day at camp to insure that everyone at Howdy Camp is accounted for. DG Leaders are responsible for performing head counts at the beginning of every IC and AC time. Should a camper be unaccounted for, the counselor must notify a Co-Chair or Director immediately.

- Don’t wander off in the woods.
- Tell your DG Leader/Counselors/Co-Chairs where you are at all times.

How will Howdy Camp staff respond if you leave Trinity Pines grounds without permission?

All camp activities will be halted and each camp will complete thorough head counts and report attendance status. Counselors and/or Co-Chairs will be asked to check in with the Howdy Camp Directors and Advisor. A thorough search will be conducted; if the missing person is not found within one hour, the police will be contacted, and campus authorities will be contacted to assist if a person chooses to knowingly violate this policy they are subject to removal from camp.

Nametags

This policy supports Howdy Camp and Trinity Pines staff in maintaining a safe, secure Howdy Camp environment. By requiring all Howdy Camp participants to wear their nametags, Howdy Camp staff is able to quickly identify intruders or uninvited guests who might be dangerous or cause trouble, and quickly remove them from the Trinity Pines grounds.

How will Howdy Camp staff respond if you’re not wearing your nametag?

A Howdy Camp staff member will accompany you to retrieve your nametag. If you have lost or misplaced your nametag, you will be taken to Howdy Camp Headquarters and be asked to provide personal identification information to verify that you belong at Howdy Camp and a new nametag will be issued.
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**Texas A&M University Rules**

Everyone participating in Howdy Camp is taking part in a university–sponsored activity, and is bound by the rules of Texas A&M University. The Aggie Code of Honor states that An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal and will not tolerate those who do. All University rules and regulations may be viewed at: http://student-rules.tamu.edu/

**How will Howdy Camp staff respond if you violate a Texas A&M University rule?**

A Howdy Camp staff member will immediately report the alleged violation to the Director Staff. Howdy Camp Directors will meet with you to discuss the situation and to determine whether or not you should remain at Howdy Camp. You will also be referred to the Student Conflict Resolution Services (SCRS) and can expect SCRS to follow up about the incident.

**Weapons, Alcohol and Illegal Drugs**

These items do not help to promote the positive, comfortable, safe, inclusive atmosphere that Howdy Camp strives to provide in order to help Howdy Camp participants in connecting with each other and forming positive, supportive friendships. Do not bring any weapons, alcohol or illegal drugs to camp.

**How will Howdy Camp staff respond if you have weapons, alcohol, or illegal drugs?**

A Howdy Camp staff member will immediately report the alleged violation to the Director Staff and Advisor, and they will meet with you to discuss the situation. Possession of weapons, alcohol, or illegal drugs can be considered grounds for immediate dismissal from camp. Subsequently, if the situation warrants, the police may be contacted and you could be arrested by local authorities. The incident will be referred to the Student Conflict Resolution Services (SCRS) office, and you can expect SCRS to follow up about the incident.

**Cell Phones**

The purpose of Howdy Camp is to connect with fellow Aggies in order to have a shared understanding of the Aggie Spirit.

**How will Howdy Camp respond if you have a cell phone at camp?**

If you are talking on your cell phone during Howdy Camp activities, you may be asked to
Close-Toed Shoes

Close-Toed Shoes (sneakers recommended) must be worn by all Howdy Camp participants participating in group sports and sporting activities, excluding sand volleyball.

- Wearing supportive, protective shoes will help to avoid many of the injuries that can occur during physical activities.

How will Howdy Camp staff respond if you’re not wearing appropriate footwear?

A Howdy Camp staff member will ask the person to step out of the activity she/he is actively participating in and either put on the appropriate footwear or sit out of the activity entirely.

At Camp Discipline Process

6. If a participant or staff member violates a Howdy Camp policy during camp, Director Staff along with the Primary Advisor will meet at Headquarters as soon as possible to discuss the situation.

7. Facts will be presented to the participant or staff members, and the participant/staff member will be given an opportunity to present their side of the story regarding the incident.

8. A determination will be made as to whether or not the individual knowingly violated the policy and the extent as to which it was violated (if at all).

9. Depending on the violation, discipline could range from either a verbal warning or immediate removal from camp/camp functions and activities.

10. If the violation endangers the lives or safety of other campers or Howdy Camp Staff, the Director Staff will send the participant home and their violation will be referred to the Student Conflict Resolution Services and/or University Police Department upon return to campus.
Howdy Camp Participant Agreement Form

Updated November 30, 2014

I have read and understand the “At Camp” Policies for Howdy Camp. I agree to uphold the Laws, Bi-laws, and amendments set forth in those policies as well as all Texas A&M University rules and regulations, and local, state, and federal laws. I understand that failure to uphold any of these rules/regulations may result in disciplinary action ranging from, but not limited to, suspension to dismissal from Howdy Camp. I understand that I am responsible for contacting the serving Director of Administration or one of my Co-Chairs before I participate in any activity that I am unsure about or could be considered questionable according to any policies set forth in the Howdy Camp Constitution.

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Print Name

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Signature