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Camp Miniwanca

Miniwanca is a place of beauty set apart from the mainstream of life. It is a special place that enables people to grow, learn and discover who they are and the best that is in them.

We choose voluntary simplicity as a lifestyle here. We expect others to do likewise while they are on the grounds We hope people take home some of the new ideals and behaviors they learn.

For many people being at Miniwanca is like living in another culture or country. There are words, names, people, abbreviations, customs, songs, procedures, policies, rules which are unique only to this place. It is the responsibility of those who are "veterans" to share this information. Please feel comfortable asking questions.

So, to begin the process of feeling at home, we ask you to familiarize yourself with the below:

- 1) **Safety First!** In order for people to trust, they must feel safe from the outside and safe from the inside. You are here now. We ask participants to stay on the grounds and participate fully. As a caring community we work together to create a safe place with procedures all people know and follow. Only by creating a safe place will everyone be able to grow and feel valued without fear of harm or injury.
- 2) **"Think globally, act locally, feel personally,"** Miniwanca is a very fragile ecosystem. Please enjoy it without destroying it. We do not own this place, it is being borrowed from future generations. Picking flowers, taking birch from a living tree, jumping off or creating a short cut down a dune, or leaving marked trails (poison ivy abounds off the trails), destroying or defacing things of beauty, are all examples of insensitivity to this fragile environment. Food is a precious earthly resource. At Miniwanca we practice taking what we can eat and not wasting or leaving food on our plates. We call this practice ORT.
- 3) **"Caring about others, our planet, and acting that way."** Your health, the health of others and the health of Miniwanca are primary. Without healthy minds, bodies, and spirits the adventure being embarked upon will be greatly diminished, not to mention your ability to explore the entirety of who you are. For this reason, we allow no tobacco --in any form-- alcohol, or illegal drugs/chemicals on Miniwanca property. We emphasize personal cleanliness and practice leaving not only our living spaces clean, but also all of Miniwanca better than we found it.

PLEASE HELP US BE GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR LAND BY OBSERVING THE FOLLOWING:

- Fire may be built only in fireplaces or designated areas. Firewood is available in the Hollow Circle and at the woodpile (near the warehouse.)
- Swim only with a Red Cross certified lifeguard at designated times.
- All cups, utensils and plates must remain in the Eating Lodge.
- Please drive up the road into camps only when absolutely necessary. You may park in the lower parking lots of West or East Camp.

Other helpful Information

Phone Number - (231) 861-2262 (for emergency calls only)