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SUMMER CAMP 2012

STANDARDS FOR CAMP WILDERNESS RIDGE STAFF

It is required that all Camp Wilderness Ridge staff receive a copy of this document and acknowledge concurrence with the content prior to serving.

Child Sexual/Physical Abuse Policy:

Today, the environment we live in no longer permits any church or camp ministry to treat this area of concern as "understood." Wilderness Ridge holds to the premise that we must do everything we can to assure our campers that we will not tolerate any impropriety that would jeopardize their safety. We consider it essential and critical to promote a safe and secure camping atmosphere for young people, as well as leaders, at all times.

1. To that end, any staff applicant who has been convicted of either child sexual or physical abuse should not volunteer for service at Wilderness Ridge.
2. Any staff applicant who is a survivor of childhood sexual or physical abuse needs the love and acceptance of this camp and its staff. Individuals who have such a history should discuss their desire to work with campers with the Camp Director or Camp Assistant Director prior to engaging in any volunteer service.
3. All staff applicants working with campers are required to have on file a current application with all information complete.
4. Staff applicants accepted to serve will observe the "two-staffer" rule. This requires that leaders are never alone with a camper in locations removed from the main camp area.
5. All staff should immediately report any behaviors that seem abusive or inappropriate to the Camp Director or Camp Assistant Director.

Please sign and return this sheet to:

Camp Wilderness Ridge
Attn: Camp Director
P.O. Box 1025
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Signature

Date
