

Walden West Cabin Leader/Counselor Contract

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Thank you for your commitment to the Walden West Center. As a cabin leader or counselor, you will want to have fun with your students but it is important you understand and follow our rules. Walden West aims to develop and maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all children, staff, parents, and volunteers. Please respect these rules and understand that as a Walden West role model, everyone is expected to act in the best personal and educational interests of every child and to treat all children equally.

Please read this code thoroughly and check off each box indicating that you will observe all Walden West policies.

I agree to the following:

1. I understand that I may not have visitors
2. I will not be alone with a single child where others cannot observe me
3. I will not use or tolerate inappropriate language
4. I will not abuse children (any type of abuse will not be tolerated). This includes:
 - physical abuse (strike, spank, shake, slap)
 - verbal or mental abuse (humiliate, degrade, threaten)
 - sexual abuse (inappropriate sexual touching or exposure)
 - neglect (withhold food, water, basic care, etc.)
5. I understand and will use the Walden West discipline system and will not invent my own
6. I will not use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs, cigarettes, tobacco, or alcohol
7. Any food I bring to Walden West, I will keep for myself and other cabin leaders but will not share with students. Any food should be kept in the cabin leader room.
8. I will not chew gum in front of students
9. I will stay with my students unless I am on a scheduled break or I 'm going crazy and am getting help from the HUB
10. I will sit with my students in the amphitheater and will not stand in the back with my cabin leader friends
11. I will only go into my cabin, not others (unless there is an emergency) even during break times
12. I will not give any medication or first aide to a student but will notify a staff member if one of my campers is ill
13. I will stay on the Walden West site unless I have written parental permission to leave
14. I will not transport children nor will I take the responsibility of releasing any child to a parent or guardian. If a parent asks for a child to be released, I will notify Walden West staff.
15. I will not use electronic devises while at Walden West, anything brought to Walden West is brought at own risk.

I understand that I am making a commitment to the Walden West Outdoor School and will do my best to make it a good experience for the students attending.

Date: _____

(Please print)

Volunteer's Name: _____

Volunteer's Signature: _____



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