



# Outpost Youth Expectation Agreement

Dear Parent/Guardian and Youth,

The mission of the Outpost program is to provide a safe, low-impact canoeing/camping experience for youth. During Outpost camp, youth learn outdoor skills, build appreciation and knowledge of the natural world and gain respect for themselves and other members of their group.

Because Outpost offers increased independence and more hands-on challenges and requires greater personal responsibility than the usual summer camp experience, Upham Woods wants to ensure everyone has common expectations. Parents and youth are to read and discuss the following expectations:

1. Youth participating on a canoeing Outpost will be paddling and swimming in the Wisconsin River. Therefore, all Outpost participants must pass a swim test and a canoeing skills test **before** they can participate in these activities during Outpost.
2. To be safe, adhere to the daily schedule, care for equipment and ensure a valuable experience for all, Outpost expects **everyone** to work and help out. Setting up/taking down campsites, paddling a canoe, carrying equipment to and from canoes to campsites and preparing/cleaning up meals are all activities youth must participate in.
3. Youth must understand that responsible behavior includes no possession or use of alcohol, tobacco and non-prescription drugs before, during or after the Outpost experience.
4. Youth must always be in sight and/or sound of an Outpost adult from your group.
5. Outpost serves a wide diversity of cultures, backgrounds, and family customs. Upham Woods staff will not tolerate any behavior which discriminates or offends its participants in any situation.
6. Because Outpost takes place off-site from Upham Woods, youth must conduct themselves with maturity and responsibility at all times. Youth must abide by the safety and behavior guidelines of Upham Woods' Outpost staff and the adult leaders of their group at all times.
7. Youth must abide by the Upham Woods policy that no food, music/video/game players, cell phones or beepers will be brought on Outpost or to camp.

I UNDERSTAND THESE EXPECTATIONS OF ME WHILE ON THE OUTPOST CAMP PROGRAM AND AGREE TO FULFILL THEM .

Youth Participant Signature

Date

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I understand and agree with the expectations for Outpost camp. If the expectations are broken by my child and/or ward, I understand it is my responsibility to provide immediate transportation home for my child and/or ward.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

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