

## **Parent Statement of Understanding**

The following information is important for the safety and protection of your child. Please read the information, sign this form, and return it to the YMCA. A copy will be filed with your child's records.

**I understand that YMCA staff and volunteers are not allowed to baby-sit or transport children at any time outside the YMCA program.** Immediate disciplinary action will be taken by the YMCA toward staff and volunteers if a violation is discovered.

**I understand that I am not to leave my young child or children\* at the YMCA or program site unless a YMCA staff or volunteer is there to receive and supervise my child.** \*Note: Most YMCAs have a policy that defines the specific age.

**I understand children should not receive excessive gifts (e.g., TV, video games, jewelry) from YMCA staff or volunteers, and I should report this to a supervisor if they do.**

**I understand that my child will not be allowed to leave the program with an unauthorized person. Any person authorized to pick up my child including older siblings or other relatives must be listed with the YMCA and must be of the age required by this YMCA. Any other arrangements must be made by calling the YMCA office to inform them of a change.**

**I understand that should a person arrive to pick up my child who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, for the child's safety, staff may have no recourse but to contact the police.** Please do not put staff in a position where they have to make this judgment call.

**I understand that I can help ensure my child's safety by taking an active interest in his or her YMCA experience.** I too will monitor volunteer and staff interactions with my child and ask my child specific questions about program activities and volunteer or staff relationships with my child.

**I understand that the YMCA is mandated by state law to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities for investigation.**

**I have received a copy of the YMCA Camp Procedures Handbook and will keep it for future reference.**

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Parent or guardian signature

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Date