

Student Code of Conduct/Dress Code

The code of conduct for Seneca Lake is intended to assist the many diverse churches and students at camp to have a safe and enjoyable camp experience, while growing in their faith. Seneca Lake is designed to help students and adults know and follow God, so the code of conduct prioritizes issues related to a student's faith development in Jesus. Seneca Lake youth weeks are planned for youth (those who have completed 6th through 12th grade). Students are required to attend both the Morning Chapel Experience and the Evening Chapel Experience each day. After 11:00 pm, all students should be inside their cabin and should not be outside their cabin without a sponsor until after 6:30 am.

Excessive volume from a cabin is not permitted since it can disturb other cabins

Sponsors from each church are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct and camp dress code for their students and adults and for handling discipline issues. At all experiences, church groups must sit together. If the group is too large to find a single location for everyone, the group should divide into smaller groups with adult sponsors in each group. Students will not be permitted to leave the grounds unless accompanied by a sponsor.

Believing that modesty extends beyond the dress code, Seneca Lake asks that students refrain from PDA (Public Displays of Affection). Church sponsors should be diligent to communicate this guideline to their students.

It is strongly suggested that churches limit or prohibit their students' use and possession of cell phones and two-way radios. These items can quickly become a distraction to the goals of the week of camp. They are to be used only during free time in cabin areas or at times designated by church leaders in cabin areas.

Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any type is not permitted on the grounds during any week of camp. The possession of offensive weapons of any sort is prohibited at Seneca Lake. Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly reserves the right to perform a random drug and weapon search at any time and confiscate items that distract from the camp goals or that violate the code of conduct of the camp.

Pets/animals (other than service dogs), fireworks, rock throwing, water fighting, laser pointers and shaving cream fights are prohibited on the grounds. Masks or any other disguise over the face cannot be worn by anyone outside of their cabin. Violation of this policy could result in confiscation of equipment. No wading or swimming is allowed in the lake.

Only conference center operated golf carts, utility carts, or low speed vehicles (LSVs) are permitted. Delivery trucks are not permitted during summer camp weeks except to supply conference center-owned concessions. Recreation vehicles for living or sleeping purposes are permitted only in designated areas and must register in advance with the Seneca Lake Office. All passengers must be seated in the vehicle according to its designated capacity—no passengers are allowed in pickup beds or in the back of vehicles with hatch doors raised.

Seneca Lake is a Christian environment that promotes personal encouragement and spiritual development of every camper. **Seneca Lake does not condone or encourage any activity on grounds that humiliate any camper, including initiation, hazing, and pranks.**

DRESS CODE

The intent of the Seneca Lake dress code is to provide an equitable dress code for all campers that will encourage modesty above legalism. Parents and church leaders are urged to see that only clothing which meets the policies and regulations of the conference center is brought to Seneca Lake. **CAMPERS:** Please bring clothing to Seneca Lake which fully complies with the following regulations:

MODESTY

Since Seneca Lake is a Christian camp with a distinctly Christian atmosphere, the New Testament principle of modesty should always be the standard for dress at Seneca Lake. It is the responsibility of the sponsors from each church to model the standard of modesty and enforce the camp dress code.

GENERAL APPROPRIATENESS

While on Seneca Lake grounds campers may not wear apparel that exposes the midriff, is extremely tight fitting, or has writing on the back of pants or shorts. Apparel may not display or promote tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, or inappropriate language or pictures. **No yoga pants or leggings are to be worn at camp.**

DRESSES AND SHORTS

All shorts and dresses should be modest length. At Seneca Lake, modest shorts are generally defined as shorts that have at least a five inch inseam or longer and dresses and skirts should be four inches from the top of the knee or longer. Slits in dresses and skirts should also be modest in length. All apparel must cover the shoulder. Dresses must include accessory wear under or over any straps that do not cover the shoulder.

SHIRTS AND SHOES

Tank tops are not allowed at Seneca Lake. Sleeveless shirts are acceptable for females, but must go from the neck to the shoulder seam and not be split down the side. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times outside cabins, except while swimming.

SWIMMING

Modest swimming suits are appropriate while swimming. Males should not wear tight fitting swimming suits. Ladies are to wear one-piece swimming suits. While going to and from the swimming areas, all campers must wear shoes; males must wear a t-shirt and females must wear a long covering over their swimming suits.