

TOWN OF JERICHO

Jericho Summer Recreation, P.O. Box 39, Jericho, VT 05465

TOWN OF JERICHO – SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM POLICY REGARDING HEALTH CARE ISSUES FOR CAMPERS

The Summer Recreation Program will make reasonable accommodations to facilitate campers' health care issues during the Program hours. However, it must be understood that the Program does not employ medically-trained personnel, other than providing counselors/directors with basic first aid, and at least one with life-guard certification. In addition, we do not provide one-on-one care for children in need of that service for either mental or physical conditions.

MEDICATION: No medications of any kind will be dispensed by the Staff of the Summer Recreation Program unless a written note from either a doctor or parent is present.

INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIORAL ASSISTANT: Parents must provide for an Individual Behavioral Assistant to be present with their child during the Program, if the child is accompanied by an Individual Instructional Assistant during the school year.

SERIOUS INJURY/ILLNESS: The Director, Assistant Directors or a counselor will contact a family member/friend initially if the situation does not appear to be life-threatening. Emergency Medical Services will be contacted immediately if the situation appears life-threatening, and family member/friend will then be called.

SERIOUS ALLERGIC CONDITIONS: An *Emergency Health Care Plan* is required for any child who is in need of an immediate medical response to an allergic reaction. However, campers must be able to carry and self-administer an Epi-pen or other medication in an emergency situation. The Program's counselors and directors will contact emergency services under these conditions, as in any other medical emergency.

In regards to severe reactions to food, insect bites/stings, fabrics, plants, latex, or any other equipment/product, the Program is not responsible for the child avoiding these items. Specifically regarding food allergies, during snacks and meals, the child may sit apart from her/his group if deemed necessary by the child's parents/physician, but in close proximity to their counselor so that oversight may still be maintained. If the child's food needs to be kept separately, a cooler must be provided by the parent/guardian. Other children in the Program will be made aware of the child's allergy situation, but no restrictions will be placed upon food brought to camp or used in our cooking class. There are a variety of choices for campers to choose from, and if not participating in the cooking class is deemed the healthiest choice for the camper, this is easily accommodated.

FORMS: If a child requires an *Emergency Health Care Plan* form as outlined above, parents should contact our Director at 899-9970 ext 7. All forms must be completed and returned no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the Program session enrolled in for the current year.

Adopted April, 2003
Jericho Selectboard