



CONTRACT
2017 Backcountry Ecological Expedition

All teens wishing to participate in Backcountry Ecological Expedition must agree to the following guidelines. Please read, think about, and make sure you understand the importance of each one before signing at the bottom. Your signature indicates that you commit to living by these guidelines as a participant in Tremont programs. If you have any questions, please call us at 865-448-6709.

Camper's Name (please print)

- I realize that the most important aspect of my stay at Tremont is respect: respect for myself, respect for others and respect for this environment and all of the things in it. All of the rest of these points deal with respect.
- I will respect myself. While at Tremont I will handle myself in a safe manner and obey all safety guidelines. The use or possession of any tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or firearms will result in my immediate dismissal from the Tremont program.
- I will respect myself in taking this opportunity to learn about new things, even if I think that I will not be good at them. I will be willing to try some new things and also be open to doing some things that I may have done before, including taking care of myself and not expecting everything to be done for me.
- I will respect myself and others by being open to new friendships. I will take others' feelings and opinions into consideration. I will not treat anyone at Tremont in a disrespectful manner—even if I think they are wrong or 'weird'. Although I may make special friends, I will not behave in a manner which could make others feel excluded or offended.
- I understand that exclusive relationships will not be tolerated at camp. Neither will inappropriate touching, including holding hands, be tolerated.
- I will respect the natural habitats, wildlife and plant species. Though we will be collecting some specimens during our studies, I will be selective and careful to follow the research protocols and ensure that data will be collected with all plants and animals collected so that the collection will be of use to science. I will practice low-impact hiking and camping techniques that will be taught at Tremont. I will obey all of the rules and regulations of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- I realize that if I cause severe discipline problems that a conference call will be made to my parents and I may be sent home.
- I also realize that although this contract may seem intimidating that the reason for these points is so that everyone, myself included, has the opportunity to have a safe and **fun** learning experience.

I have read and understand all of the above points and agree to live by them during my stay at Tremont.

Camper's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date: _____

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