

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA  
YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

CODE OF ETHICS GUIDELINES

Much time, effort and money is expended to bring the Youth Environmental Conference to fruition. The American Legion feels that this outlay is well spent if the students each derive sufficient benefit from the program. Students come from throughout the State; some are possibly exposed to different customs/environments. Utmost consideration is given to instruction, and the welfare of the students. The American Legion has, however, set up the following rules of minimum discipline so that all will have the same concept. Where there is willful disregard for acceptable ethical behavior, either stated or in practice, The American Legion reserves the right of immediate expulsion, and may report to the student's school, parent(s), and sponsoring Legion Post that this student was unacceptable in the program.

- 1) Quarters assignment must be adhered to. Quarters assigned to female students are **OFF LIMITS** to male students, and quarters assigned to male students are **OFF LIMITS** to female students. There shall be no loitering in quarters other than those assigned to you.
- 2) You are not to tamper with the clothing or gear belonging to another person.
- 3) DO NOT leave the immediate grounds or subject area during a field trip without permission. Give your undivided attention to the counselors or Crew Leaders when they are giving instruction of any nature.
- 4) Your conduct should be consistent with the purposes of the Youth Environmental Conference; to devote your efforts to study of the ecosystem, not the conquest of boy or girl friends. It is mandatory that each participating student in the program be present for each scheduled activity.
- 5) Consult Counselors, Crew Leaders or Escorts regarding recreational facilities which are available. Pulling stunts or partying at the behest of individuals often results in injury.
- 6) Bickering, fighting, gambling, use of alcohol, use of narcotics or tobacco, or any other improper acts will not be tolerated.
- 7) Be punctual for meals, work details, field trips and other group activities. Tardiness penalizes both the group and the program.
- 8) BE NEAT!! Keep quarters clean. Do not litter the grounds on field trip routes. Daily routine should include a shower and grooming.
- 9) Sickness, injury or other mishap should be brought to the immediate attention of a Counselor, Crew Leader or Escort.

I have read the Code of Ethics Guidelines above, and agree with the contents.

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Signed – Applicant

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Date

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Signed – Parent or Legal Guardian

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Date

DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE OATH

I pledge to do my duty to love my Country, The United State of America, to supports its constitution, to obey its laws, to give allegiance to, and respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

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Signed – Applicant

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Date

NOTE: A copy of this form **MUST** be signed and returned with the application to the chairman of The American Legion Post or District that is sponsoring the student.