

TOWN OF CORTLANDT YOUTH CENTER CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure the Town of Cortlandt Youth & Recreation Center Programs are a positive and enjoyable experience for all participants, it is necessary to establish and enforce standards of behavior. When a participant or their guest enters the facility, he/she must accept the following responsibilities:

I will be respectful and courteous towards the staff, volunteers and other participants as well as to the building, supplies and equipment.

I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner at all times. I understand and accept there are consequences for inappropriate behaviors.

I will follow all directives from the Youth Center staff and volunteers.

I will dress appropriately at all times. I understand if my clothing is inappropriate I will be asked to call a parent/guardian and have them bring me a change of clothes in order to remain at the Youth Center. (See Youth Center Dress Code, Separate Sheet)

I will refrain from the use of any racial slurs, vulgar or abusive languages and name calling as such language is not tolerated. I understand I will be required to leave the premises and I will be suspended from the Youth Center I should use such language.

I will keep my hands to myself at all times as horse playing, punching, kicking, poking, hitting, etc. are all forms of inappropriate behavior. I understand I will be required to leave the premises and I will be suspended from the Youth Center if I should demonstrate these behaviors.

I understand when inside the building safety comes first. I will not yell, run, play ball or throw any objects.

I will clean-up after myself, including but not limited to, putting all supplies and equipment I used back where they belong, throw out my trash, wash the counter-tops and shut-off all electronics.

I understand the use of cameras and videotaping is prohibited on the Youth Center's premises.

I understand demonstrating any personal displays of affection isn't acceptable.

I understand all television shows and movies I watch, as well as all video games I play may not be above a rating of PG-13.

I understand roller blades and skateboards are not allowed on the Youth Center's premises.

I understand I may host one guest to the Youth Center and I am responsible for his/her actions and will inform the staff of the guest.

I understand my parent(s)/guardian(s) and I will be held financially responsible for damages I or my guest cause or contribute to with respect to the property of the Youth Center.

I understand my bags may be searched by Youth Center staff for the purpose of safety for all staff and participants. I am responsible for all items I bring or agree to hold on to for my friends while at the Youth Center.

I understand the Youth Center is not responsible for any lost or stolen items and I should not bring any item of monetary or personal value with me. All my belongings should be kept in the cubbies located in the front vestibule as the Youth Center.

I will not use alcohol, tobacco (including vape/e-cigarette) or other drugs at anytime nor will I carry such substances. I understand if I am suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other stimulants, I will not be permitted on the Youth Center property and will be suspended. My parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or State Police will be notified immediately.

I will not bring weapons or instruments that will cause harm to others. I understand if I am found with such objects I will not be permitted on the Youth Program property and will be suspended. My parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or State Police will be notified immediately.

I understand once I sign-in to the Youth Center I must remain on the premise until a parent/guardian or another adult, approved by my parent(s)/guardian(s) comes to pick me up.

I may not walk home, leave to get food, etc. during my visit to the Youth Center.

I understand my use of the Youth Center is a privilege and should I misbehave, mistreat or take advantage of this privilege it can and will be revoked.

Participation may be restricted or suspended for the violation of the Code of Conduct, policy or rules. The length of the discipline will be determined by:

1. The seriousness of the offense.
2. The frequency of violations.
3. The attitude of the participant towards the rules and staff as determined by the Youth Center staff.

The decision of the Town Supervisor will be final.

The staff will document all violations and notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) if a participant is suspended.