

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES FOR CAMPERS

Social media is a great way to keep in touch with your camp friends in the off-season. We want to see those friendships continue to grow and for social media to be used safely. As a reminder, by signing the [North Star Code of Conduct](#) prior to the summer, you agreed to the following expectations:

- *I will not use obscenities, profanity, or vulgar language on social media, texts, messages and communications.*
- *I will not use blogs, social media, texts, or other websites to harass, bully, or intimidate other campers or employees of the camp.*
- *I understand that these guidelines are for the benefit of the entire camp community.*
- *I understand that behaviors away from camp that fall outside of North Star's values may jeopardize my ability to return to North Star.*

We recommend these additional guidelines for campers as you use social media during the off-season:

Be kind and respect others

- Remember the Golden Rule - treat others the way you want to be treated (that includes online or via text).
- Sharing negative, harmful or mean content online or via text is cyberbullying and that is not okay.
- Keyboard Warriors aren't cool. If you wouldn't say it to someone's face in person, don't say it hiding behind your keyboard.

Be yourself

- People often pretend on social media to be something they are not. Be true to yourself - people will likely know if you are pretending to be someone you are not.

Be present

- Don't let phones and screens stop you from being present in real life - you'll miss out on the world around you.

Think before you post, share or reshare

- It may seem silly now but posting something insensitive could impact your future college choices or job prospects.
- Keep your location private. There are better ways to let important people know where you are.

Keep parents informed

- Give your parents a heads up if you are chatting with a staff member/counselor or are planning to meet up with any camp friends.

If you see something, say something

- If you see something that is said or posted by a North Star community member that you feel is inappropriate or bullying, please tell a parent right away and/or contact a North Star Director.
- And if you are the one saying something inappropriate or doing the bullying, keep in mind that your actions could impact your future at camp.

