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- Collars
- MP3
- Skirts
- Modest
- Knee
- Nice
- Tobacco
- One-piece
- Weapons
- Chapel
- Drugs
- Cell Phones
- Pets
- Alcohol
- Sleeves
- Loose
- Change

Setting Reasonable Dress and Conduct Expectations

Tweakage 7 - Session 1G

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Let's make it easy...

- Don't bring bad things
- Don't wear bad things
- Don't do bad things





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What was done?

- Reviewed 30 "Tweakage Camp" websites for rules & expectations
- Focus on youth camps
- Put results in a spreadsheet
- Did some analysis – looking for...
 - Themes / commonality
 - Helpful ideas





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Why was it done?

- **Goal:** To be better communicators and formulators of our camp expectations
- **Resulting Action:** Review your expectations
 - Reasonable? (understandable / enforceable)
 - Succinct?
 - Current? (add or drop things)
 - Better wording?




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What we call them

- What to bring (most common)
- Information
 - Planning
 - General
 - Parents
- Codes
- Rules
- Standards
- Guidelines
- Expectations




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Why we set them

- **Biblical reasons** (unique to Christian camping)
 - Limit worldliness / sensuality
 - Encourage modesty
 - Appropriateness - Chapel (50%+ mentioned)
 - Example / testimony



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Why we set them (cont'd)


- **Practical reasons**
 - Health & safety
 - Appropriateness - Athletics
 - Avoid distractions
 - Legal
- **Situational Reasons**
 - Unique to a camp environment
 - Unique to the type/age of camper
 - Camp preferences/convictions



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How did we set them?


- Individual
- Group
 - Suggestion: have one person review / rewrite it for clarity and consistency
- Incremental: In response to problems, situations, or cultural changes



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So... What are we talking about?


- Clothes to bring
- Clothes to wear
- Things not to bring



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Where was this information found?

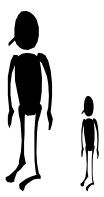
- 80% had this on the web
 - Brochure / registration form (most common)
 - May vary according to camp type (youth, adult)
 - Separate document or location
 - Both places



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How did camps compare?


- Some general themes
- Some variation in areas addressed
- Some variations of practices
- Varying level of detail



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What camps are addressing


- General statements
 - Change clothes at staff request (almost all)
 - Expel camper for misconduct (1/3)
- Dress (General / Male / Female)
- What NOT to bring



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What camps are addressing General statements


- Clothing – ask to change
 - Example: The camp reserves the right to ask a camper to change clothing that is deemed inappropriate.
- Conduct – may be dismissed
 - Example: Campers who are uncooperative or non-compliant are subject to dismissal without refund.



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What camps are addressing Dress - Male


- Top – with sleeves (no tank tops)
- Bottom – knee length (a few shorter)
- Swim – trunks / boxer (a few w/ t-shirt)
- Other – undergarments concealed



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What camps are addressing Dress - Female

- Top – with sleeves; without low necklines
- Bottom – knee length
 - Top of knee – most frequent
 - Range from "well below" to "between hip-bone and knee"
- Middle – midriff covered (50% mentions)
- Swim – one-piece (some tankini or cover-up)



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What camps are addressing Dress - General

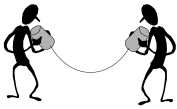
- Loose (or not tight) – mentioned by most
- Modest
- Worldly Advertising – mentioned by most
- Chapel – mentioned by many for evening service – examples:
 - Skirts
 - Collared shirts – long pants
 - Neat / nice
 - "Encouraged" vs. "required"



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What camps are addressing What NOT to bring

- Technology
 - Cell Phone (all) [relaxed for adults]
 - No personal electronics
 - Examples (mentioned by most)
 - Music players...
 - Tablets / laptops
 - Games




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What camps are addressing What NOT to bring


- Common Things (based on frequency)
 - Tobacco [or cigarettes]
 - [Illegal] Drugs
 - Alcohol
 - Fireworks [matches]
 - Guns / weapons [firearms, ammo]
 - Magazines
 - Knives
 - Food
 - Pets
- Other Things
 - bicycles, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades
 - glass containers, alarm clocks, playing cards
 - lots of money / valuables




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What camps are addressing Conduct


- No touch
- Language
- Obedience
- General dismissal for refusal to comply




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Overall Suggestions...


- Be positive about dress
 - Where possible, say what is desired, not what isn't
- Be succinct, but specific




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Discussion Questions

- What do you see as issues...
 - ...today?
 - ...in the near future?
- Have you had any useful learning experiences (good/bad) in this area?
- How different should things be for adult and youth camps?



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I'd appreciate your thoughts...

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