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The Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center is a State of Michigan Licensed Camp Site. When a licensed camp visits the Recreation Center you must adhere to the rules and regulations of the Camp Licensing Rules set forth by the Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing. These rules include, but are not limited to:

R 400.11111 Staff to Camper Ratio:

Your camp shall develop and follow a written staffing ratio plan for the camper population served. For campers below the age of 13, there shall be 1 adult staff member for every 10 campers. For campers above the age of 13, there shall be 1 adult staff member for every 14 campers.

R 400.11411 Aquatic Procedures

1. Each child shall be tested and graded by a water safety trained staff member in the pool upon their first visit to your camp. Children will be classified by swimming ability for the remainder of the summer.
2. Your staff will denote what areas of the pool that child is allowed in. Furthermore, each staff member will be assigned to a section of the pool to monitor the flow of children from section to section based on their ability level.
3. Areas of the pool are as follows:
 - a. Lap Pool (5 feet to 12 feet)
 - b. Leisure Pool (0 feet to 3 feet 10 inches)
 - c. Splash Pad
4. Buddy Check System:
 - a. Each child will be matched with another child within their same classification. The buddies are to always be together in the pool.
 - b. Every five minutes the lead counselor shall signal (bell, hand gesture, etc.), at which time all buddies must grab hands and raise them in the air. When all buddies are accounted for, the bell will be rung a second time to signal swim time can begin again.
 - c. If all buddies are not accounted for, counselors and lifeguards will do an immediate sweep of the bottom of the pools. Situation will denote next best procedure (rescue situation or check restrooms).
5. Your camp, prior to using our building, must have a plan to account for children entering and exiting our facility. This includes transitioning from one area of use (i.e. pool, rock wall, gymnasium, etc.) to another.

R 400.11113 Behavior Management Policy

Your camp will not deprive children of food, sleep or place in isolation or subject to threat, corporal punishment, ridicule, physical exercise, or excessive restraint.

- i. Discuss with the campers the basic ground rules for camp and why they are important, as well as the consequences.
- ii. If safety is an issue, do not haggle! State the rule and the behavior that is wrong and stop it immediately!

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E. High Adventure: Rock Wall

- a. For the rock wall, all staff shall attend a minimum two-hour training course led by certified rock wall instructors in order to learn proper belaying techniques, rope knotting, harnessing and safety precautions. (if renting a belaying for visiting camps, our certified rock wall will be trained)
- b. The staff to camper ratio at the rock wall will be the standard 10:1. The staff to camper ratio for belaying will be 1:1.
- c. All campers must have a rock wall waiver form signed by a parent or guardian in order to participate at the rock wall. No camper will be allowed to belay another camper.
- d. The maintenance, arrangement and inspection of equipment (holds, ropes, tie-ins, and harness), and of the area will be done on a daily basis by the rock wall attendants. (Separate from Camp Swoosh staff)
- e. As stated above, all staff members will be required to be trained in all safety precautions, including but not limited to: harnessing, knotting, belaying, tying in, anchoring, repelling, ascending, descending and route difficulty. (renting a belayer covers this)