Camp Community Standards Agreement

The goal of life at Coldstream is to live, work, serve, and worship together as a community centered on the Lord Jesus Christ. It is intended that this agreement would be understood as a grace-ﬁlled standard for life together, and serve as a means of encouraging godly living, with integrity and with honor for one another as we grow as a community.

The purposes of this agreement are:

* To affirm our identity as a Christ-centered institution centered on biblical principles and a devotion to Jesus Christ;
* To affirm the integrity of our mission statement;
* To affirm our unity as a camp community with shared values and a shared framework of grace and faith.

Living the Christian Life

As followers of Jesus Christ and recipients of His grace, we live out our faith on a daily basis. As broken persons, we acknowledge that we will do this imperfectly. As a community that values both individual and corporate maturity, we commit to that which will produce godly growth. In light of this, we commit to the following:

* Show evidence of the Holy Spirit who lives within all believers, such as “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control;”
* Seek righteousness, mercy, and justice;
* Love and side with what is good in God’s eyes, and abhor what is evil in God’s eyes;
* Uphold the God-given worth of every human being, from conception to death, as unique image-bearers of God;
* Pursue unity and embrace ethnic and racial diversity as part of God’s design for humanity and practice reconciliation as one of His redemptive purposes in Christ;
* Affirm chastity among the unmarried and the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman;
* Be people of integrity whose word can be trusted;
* Give faithful witness to the Gospel, practice good works toward all and live lives of prayer and thanksgiving.
* To maintain fellowship with and attendance in a local church

By contrast, even though God forgives people through his grace, we acknowledge that the Bible condemns certain behaviors, and we commit to avoid the following:

* Pride, immodesty in dress or behavior, slander, gossip, vulgar language, blasphemy, greed, covetousness, theft, and the taking of innocent life;
* Self-righteousness, and legalism, understood as the imposition of extra-biblical standards of godliness by one person or group upon another;
* Sinful attitudes and behaviors, such as impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, envy, and drunkenness;
* Sexual immorality, including the use of pornography and all other sexual behaviors the Bible reveals to be contrary to God’s loving design for humanity.