

Compassion Camp Online Community Expectations and Covenant

Compassion is an important skill in creating resilient and caring children. Each day, leaders will work with children through bible stories, music, drama, and art to teach compassion. This is an online camp which uses Zoom as the primary platform. While we are distanced, Compassion Camp strives to create safe and meaningful community.

In order to create this community, all campers and volunteers agree to actively participate in all parts of Compassion Camp and to abide by the standards of the community:

1. I will seek to build up myself, others, and our community in my actions and words, doing my best to 'love my neighbor as myself.' (Matthew 22:39)*
2. I will respect the person, property, feelings and beliefs of each member of our community.*
3. When conflicts happen, I will work to resolve them directly with the people involved, as described in Matthew 18:15-17 "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him - work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love." (The Message)*
4. I will wear appropriate clothing that allows me to fully participate. Appropriate clothing includes clothing you can move around in (dance, do yoga, exercise).
5. I will treat Compassion Camp as a "safe space". I will tell my own story. If I do not have permission to tell someone else's story, I will keep it to myself.
6. I will set-up my device for Compassion Camp in a space that is thoughtfully chosen. The space should have room for movement and the background should be appropriate. (ie. Not the bathroom and be aware of any personal things that would be in the background.)
7. I will do my best to have fun!

Camper/Volunteer Acknowledgement of Community Covenant*

Participant agrees that these are reasonable expectations and they will do everything they can to live up to them. If participant chooses to violate the rules set for the event, they understand that there will be consequences, which may include being removed from Compassion Camp.

*Denotes guidelines shared from the Community Expectations & Covenant of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland Youth & Young Adult Program