

Fort Hope Safety Policies

1. Notify the Fort Hope staff concerning:
 1. Medical emergencies
 2. Maintenance problems
 3. Any emergency situation
2. All medications should be kept with the supervising teacher/leader except bee kits and Epipens, which should be with child/student if necessary.
3. Sorry, **no pets, of any kind, allowed**. Certified service animals are permitted with prior approval.
4. Parents, teachers, and/or volunteers, are responsible for the actions and whereabouts of their children, students, and/or charges, at all times.
5. Children are to stay with their group. They are not allowed to wander off. They need permission and a partner or adult when using the restrooms.
6. **No children are allowed in or around the pond area without a supervising adult. Swimming is not allowed in the pond.**
7. No one is allowed to use canoes or boats without permission. If canoes are used, an adult must be in the boat and all boaters **must** wear a life vest.
8. Children are not allowed to climb trees, structures or buildings.
9. No running or rough play.
10. Do not approach any wild animals. Report any animals to a staff/docent/volunteer. Do not pick wild plants.
11. Always wear proper footwear; ie comfortable walking shoes with closed toes and heels. The Fort is in a rural, rustic area with inland temperatures (10-15 degrees warmer than town, in winter 10-15 degrees cooler) so please plan and dress accordingly.
12. Leave valuable items at home. Children are not allowed to use electronics of any kind. **Cameras are ok** at parents' discretion. Fort Hope and the Loomis family are not responsible for any lost or missing items. **We do not have cell service or internet at the Fort.**

13. Please help us keep the Fort and pond area clean by picking up after yourself.
14. We are located in a high fire zone with the nearest CDF being 15+ miles away; thus **no smoking** is allowed anywhere on the property, **no exceptions**. Also, no matches, candles, or lighters, firecrackers, etc.
15. Do not tamper with fire extinguishers. These are for emergency use only.
16. **In case of fire:** all groups will move to the Central meeting area between the pond and archery station.
17. **Drivers:** Please help us keep our neighbors happy by driving **10 MPH** on Mary Hall Road. It helps keep the dust down. All drivers must carry insurance on their vehicles. Mary Hall Road is a dirt road with rocks, so please drive carefully. We are not responsible for any damage to vehicles.
18. The house phone is available for emergencies, or as a contact phone. The phone number is 805-473-9462. Please keep at your main office or headquarters. Do not give out to parents except in the case of an emergency.

We want your day at the Fort to be safe and enjoyable. These rules will help us achieve that goal! Please make sure all supervising adults with your group receive a copy of these rules.

Thank you!