

## Medication Policy for Campers

According to the Department of Health Safety Code for Summer Day Camps, medication can be administered by a licensed health care professional or it can be self-administered. We have a Health Director, who is a licensed professional, to review and approve our Health Care Plan, but she will not be on-site. **Therefore, all medication for the campers will be self-administered.**

A medication consent form must be completed by the doctor and parent - forms are located on the parent bulletin board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. **One form** must be completed **for each** medication. All medication must be brought to school in the **original packaging**. The doctor's instructions must match medication directions. Please **bring medication and consent forms to the office** to be checked in. Do not leave it with the counselors. (Medication should not even be here without the proper consent forms complete.)

### **Self-administration procedures:**

- Campers must be able to: identify the correct medication (color, shape), the purpose of the medication (to heal ear infection), the correct dosage (1 pill), the correct time (lunch time), what happens if they don't take it (ear infection won't heal), and refuse medication if camper has any concerns about its appropriateness.
- The camp health director, or designee trained by the health director in self-administration procedures, will keep a list of all campers in their charge requiring medications, the medication needed, time and dosage to be taken.
- The camper will be reminded each time a scheduled dose is to be taken .
- The medication will be handed to the camper in the original container, the camper will be reminded of the dosage and the camper will be supervised as they measure the dosage for ingestion. Camp staff may not pour or dispense pills into a container for ingestion. (Camp staff may help to loosen the cap if necessary.) Camp staff will check that the proper dosage has been measured out prior to ingestion.
- Administration of the medication will be witnessed and documented.
- Medication will be returned and properly stored.