Victory Ranch Dress Code

All campers are to present themselves in an orderly manner, conducive to the camp atmosphere. Appearance should be neat, modest, and acceptable. Items that distract from a spiritual atmosphere, that draw undue attention to one’s self, or that could cause situations that would diminish the safety of other campers will be prohibited.

All campers will be informed about dress and grooming standards by looking at the Victory Ranch website. Campers without access to a computer may ask that the dress code be mailed to them prior to the start of camp. Campers in violation of the dress code will be informed of the violation and asked to change or wear attire provided by the camp from the camp’s “Lost and Found.” Repeat violations will be deemed as defiance of the camp rules, and the camper will be sent home at the parent/legal guardian’s expense.

The following specific guidelines shall be used to determine appropriate dress:

Appropriate Dress – General
As Christians, our dress should reflect positively on our person, the camp, and our Creator. Worldly fads in clothing and hairstyles are out of place at camp. Our purpose is to model heavenly citizenship, not worldly. All campers will be expected to dress and act like the gender that God created them. Play or athletic clothing is appropriate throughout the day. Shorts are acceptable as long as they have a 3” or longer inseam. However, we would ask that all campers wear nicer, age-appropriate clothes for evening chapel (no shorts).

Brief garments, such as swimsuits tops, strapless or halter tops, beach wear, tank tops with deep armholes, bare midriffs, backless shirts, tube tops, pajamas, lounge wear, sheer clothes, ripped or tattered jeans, low necklines, and exposed undergarments are not appropriate for camp. Garments with shoulder straps less than 1” in width are prohibited. Dresses and skirts need to be no more than 4” from the knee. Dresses and blouses/shirts shall not have a low neckline. Leggings and yoga pants, if worn, must be underneath a tunic-length blouse/shirt or dress/skirt. Shorts must cover the full curve of the buttocks when walking, sitting, reaching, or bending.

Bagging or sagged pants shall not be worn at camp. The term “baggy pants” means the waistline of the pants, located at the hipbone of the camper, when pulled and pinched will gather more than one inch of material. The term “sagged pants” means the waistline of the pants is located below the hipbone of the camper. With the pants correctly worn, the crotch of the pants will not hang away from the body. Properly fitted pants incorrectly worn (below the hipbone) are “sagged pants.” Pants that are loose enough to fall off the hips without a belt are too big.

Swimwear shall be lined and modest and fit the camper. Girls will be expected to wear a one piece swimsuit. If a camper brings a two-piece swimsuit, a suit with a low neckline or high-thigh design, or with a bare midriff, she will be expected to wear a dark colored, full length t-shirt over it that covers the midriff. Guys are asked to wear swim trunks and not to wear “Speedo” style swimsuits or “cut off” jeans. Swim wear is appropriate at the pool but not elsewhere on the grounds.

Prohibited Items
Clothing, jewelry, and personal items (backpacks, gym bags, water bottles, etc.) shall be free from writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive or which bear drug, alcohol, or tobacco company advertising, promotions, and likeness. This includes any symbols the Camp Director or Camp Marshal consider to be drug related, such as KK, blunt, 420, and 8-ball.

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Also prohibited are clothing or other items which advocate gender, racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice (i.e. white/brown/black pride or power) or which demean or exalt any group of people such that it infringes upon the rights of others to be free from harassment or intimidation. Also prohibited are items containing messages that promote or glorify death, mutilation, or violence or which constitute gang “silent code” messages, as determined by the Camp Director or Camp Marshal in consultation with law enforcement.

**Gang-Related Apparel**
Gang-related apparel is strictly prohibited. “Apparel” includes, but is not limited to, hats, jewelry, belt buckles, bandannas, hair nets, insignias, exposed tattoos, colors, paraphernalia, and sports jerseys or logos that indicate an affiliation with a group or gang which may provoke others to act violently or be intimidated. This may include, but is not limited to, logos of the Oakland Raiders, Los Angeles apparel, or any kind of the number “13.”

A list of specific prohibited “gang-related apparel” will be developed and maintained by the camp in continued consultation with the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department and will be available on the camp’s website or in the camp office for review. The list of prohibited gang-related apparel may be revised from time to time as deemed necessary and must be limited to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the camp environment if worn or displayed during the week of camp.

Campers will be informed of any changes to the list of prohibited apparel and any revisions of the list prior to enforcement.

**Jewelry**
Jewelry with gang-related or other inappropriate symbols, as described above, is prohibited. Also prohibited is jewelry designed for use as a weapon or designed to contain hazardous or contraband materials. In addition, jewelry or other accessories which display studs, spikes, chains, replica weapons, or drug paraphernalia or which may pose a threat to camper safety are prohibited. Chains greater than 1/8 inch in diameter are prohibited.

**Shoes**
Shoes/sandals must be worn at all times. For safety reasons, only shoes which are appropriate for camp are allowed, as determined by the Camp Director. No slippers are allowed outside the cabin.

**Hats**
Only camp approved hats, caps, or other head coverings may be worn outdoors for sun protections and shall not be worn indoors. Hats and caps with brims must be worn forward.

**Sunglasses**
Sunglasses may not be worn indoors, which includes the chapel, cabins, and dining hall.

**Hair**
Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Hair lengths or styles which jeopardize the health and safety of the wearer or others or which substantially disrupt, interfere with, or distract from the orderly conduct of camp activities are not allowed. Hair coloring, dyeing, or bleaching is not permitted while at camp.

**Body Piercing**
No body piercings are permitted except in the ear (no ear plugs). Nose piercings, ear plugs, and other piercings not in the ear must be covered with a flesh-colored band aid. Absolutely no safety pins should pierce any part of the body.