

Minors

The Adirondack Mountain Club, and by extension all the Chapters, is a volunteer, membership-directed organization. The New York Chapter, in addition to its offering of hikes and outings, is also fortunate to maintain and operate Camp Nawakwa in Harriman State Park. Camp Nawakwa is maintained and operated by and for the Key-holder members.

Camp Nawakwa is leased as a Group Camp from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. Although we are an Adult Camp, not a Family Camp or a Children's Camp, there are a number of Key-holders who have families. Over the many years of Camp Nawakwa's existence, Key-holder members with children have naturally desired to share their love of the outdoors, and particularly their enjoyment of Camp Nawakwa, with their children and continue to do so. Since the good order and harmony of camp life, as well as the safety, security and well-being of all who use camp, are of paramount importance, the following are the general Policy and Procedures in regard to Minors (those under 18 years of age) taking part in Chapter activities, including camp life at Nawakwa:

1. Informed consent and liability releases are required whenever anyone participates in activities and events (either of the Club, of the Chapter, or of Camp Nawakwa). The following norms and procedures for minors are in effect:
 - Any person under 18 years of age who will participate in any activities and events of the New York Chapter, including the use of Camp Nawakwa, must be accompanied by a Parent, Guardian, or Responsible Adult.
 - A *Release of Liability for Minor* form must be signed on behalf of each minor. The form is available for downloading and printing from the New York Chapter's Website under the heading "Forms.") These forms are also at Camp Nawakwa on the sign-in desk.
 - The Parent/Guardian/Responsible Adult will, at all times, provide proper supervision of their charge.
2. While at the Waterfront area at Camp Nawakwa, all Park Regulations are to be followed, including the regulation that: *"Minors under 16 years of age shall be at all times under the supervision of a parent, guardian or responsible custodian who shall be present at the swim dock with them and be responsible for their safety and behavior."* (The responsible person must be 18 or older.)
3. When children of Key-holders or of Key-holder guests take part in an organized Hosted Weekend or organized Mid-week, the following norms are to be followed:
 - No child under twelve should be in the kitchen area during meal preparation.
 - Parents/Guardians/Responsible Adults are to exercise the utmost care and oversight of the activities and behaviors of their children at all times while at camp. This is to provide for their safety, as well as to ensure the community nature of camp where members show mutual respect for one another and work together for the benefit of all.

Note: Other guidelines regarding Minors at Camp, and their use of the Main building, cabins, grounds and waterfront, are found in the Hosting Handbook, in the Waterfront Regulations and Bathing Beach Safety Plan, and in the Guidelines for the Camp Season.