

## **IN THE EVENT OF DEATH OF A CAMPER IN A TERMINAL CONDITION**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To outline the procedures by which Camp Sunshine will handle the death of a terminally ill camper during a camp function.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**TERMINAL CONDITION:** an incurable condition caused by disease, illness or injury which regardless of the application of life sustaining procedures would produce death.

**LIFE SUSTAINING PROCEDURES:** any medical procedure of intervention, which, when applied to a patient in a terminal condition would serve only to prolong the dying process and where in the opinion of the physician involved, death will occur without such procedures or interventions.

**DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER:** any order not to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation when a patient is a candidate for non-resuscitation.

### **PROCEDURES:**

1. The camper's attending physician should document on the medical portion of the camp application that the camper is under hospice care/has a DNR in place. Hospice provider and phone number should be included.
2. A copy of the DNR order should be obtained to become part of the camper's permanent Camp Sunshine record.
3. If a copy of the DNR order is not on file with Camp Sunshine, in the event of a respiratory or cardiac arrest, full code/life sustaining procedure will be initiated.
4. In the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest of a camper who is terminal and with a DNR in place and on file with Camp Sunshine, the procedure for DEATH OF A CAMPER THAT IS A DNR will be followed.

## **DEATH OF A CAMPER THAT IS A DNR**

A. Notify the Morgan County Sheriff's dispatcher at 911 or 706-342-1458.

\*\* It is imperative that the caller be very clear that this is a DNR, so that sheriff/ambulance will not arrive at camp with sirens and lights.

B. Notify Morgan Co. Coroner at 706-342-1615. \*\* Per the Morgan County Coroner, either the coroner or the attending physician at Camp Sunshine can pronounce the child at camp so that the child will not have to be taken to local hospital.

C. Notify the camper's primary physician at which time a decision will be made as to who will call the parents.

D. The Morgan County Coroner will transport the body.

EXAMPLE