

CARMEL YOUTH CENTER INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

➤ Parent Permission Letter

We are pleased to offer members of the Carmel Youth Center (CYC) access to the Youth Center's computer network for electronic mail and the Internet, utilizing DSL, high-speed connectivity. In order to gain access to E-mail and the Internet, all members must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the CYC.

Access to E-mail and the Internet will enable members to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards, as well as exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that any individual with Internet access may post information, photographs or other media. Consequently, some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While the CYC's intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to our members from accessing the Internet, in the form of informational resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. However, ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, CYC supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

➤ Internet and E-Mail Rules

The network is provided for members to use for educational purposes, such as conducting research and communicating with others. Access to network services is given to members who agree to act in a considerate, appropriate, and responsible manner. Parent permission *is* required.

Individual users of the CYC's computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with the CYC standards, and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the CYC is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Users should not expect that files stored on CYC servers will be private. Network administrators review files and communications in order to maintain system integrity, and insure that members are using the system responsibly.

While using any computers at the CYC the following *will not* be permitted:

- Disclosing home addresses, telephone numbers, or other personal information
- Sending or displaying offensive messages, pictures, or media of any kind
- Using obscene or profane language
- Harassing or intimidating others
- Using libelous or slanderous language
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- Downloading files that could be used for "hacking" or "cracking" computers
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Accessing on-line "chat rooms" or using instant messaging.
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Inciting unlawful acts or violations of CYC rules.
- Accessing web pages the CYC feels are inappropriate for use at the CYC. Such as: Myspace, Xanga, and any others the CYC staff finds to be unsuitable.

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action, if appropriate and justified.

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1. Internet Use Agreement / Parent Permission Form

- AS A MEMBER OF THE CARMEL YOUTH CENTER, I hereby agree to comply with the above-stated rules by communicating over the network in a responsible fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

➔ **Members Signature:** _____ **Name of Member:** _____

- AS THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR SIGNING ABOVE, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations of applicable laws. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

➔ **Parent Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

- Check here if you have Internet access at home:

