

# General Information

Camp Tekakwitha located in St. Clair County, Alabama is a privately owned, privately funded religious camp. The camp is a place of retreat, designed for like-minded youth groups, parish organizations and clergy within our diocese committed to the same mission as the Catholic Church. At this camp the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama seeks to teach by act and deed the principles of our religion. The Diocese reserves the right to deny access to any group or individual with a history or intention of preaching or teaching in opposition to the doctrine, moral teachings, or practice of the Catholic Church.

- Please give a copy of this to parents of youth participants and to each adult participant-

- 1) You must have specific permission before going onto camp property.
- 2) There is no cell signal at Camp Tekakwitha. There is a landline telephone available for outgoing emergency calls 24/7. It is available to all users of Camp Tekakwitha.
- 3) Groups not covered by the Diocese of Birmingham's insurance must provide a certificate of insurance naming Camp Tekakwitha and the Diocese of Birmingham. The Dioceses of Birmingham has a certificate on file from the Boy Scouts of America.
- 4) All participants (adult and youth) must provide a signed release form as provided at [www.camptekakwitha.net/](http://www.camptekakwitha.net/) Please have forms available to turn in upon arrival at camp.
- 5) All groups must have proof of current youth protection training and criminal background checks for all adults. Diocesan child protection rules apply to all groups using Camp Tekakwitha
- 6) Groups are responsible for their own setup and must return facilities to the condition found upon arrival.
- 7) RVs and campers are not permitted.
- 8) Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas. Camp Tekakwitha is a walking campus.
- 9) Do not block gates.
- 10) We have safe drinking water. Ask the camp manager about how to access the water. Bring your own containers.
- 11) Everyone is expected to observe quiet time. Group Leaders should ask the camp manger about quite time.
- 12) There is no dumpster. You must carry your trash off the property. Trash left anywhere on or around the camp is unacceptable
- 13) Items (tables, chairs, utensils, etc.) must not be removed or borrowed from any building or other location in camp.
- 14) Do not dig holes or build ground fires without specific permission.

It's simple: If you move something – put it back. If you make a mess – clean it up. Leave the camp at least as clean as you found it.

- 15) The camp is surrounded by private property. We do not have permission to go on anyone else's property.
- 16) Lake swimming is not permitted.
- 17) Hunting is not permitted
- 18) The lake is small and many of our campers would like to have a chance to catch a fish, so we request "catch and release." You are permitted to catch and keep a reasonable number of fish if you are going to use them to teach young people how to clean and cook fish on-site. Let the camp manager know if you plan to clean fish so an appropriate place for disposal can be determined.
- 19) Minors must be supervised by adults (over age 21). Adult supervisors are responsible for the actions and safety of those being supervised.
- 20) Users will be held accountable for any damage caused by themselves or the young people under their supervision.
- 21) We do not supply firewood nor are you permitted to cut standing trees without permission. You may collect and use any wood you find on the ground.
- 22) Propane and liquid fuels are to be handled by adults only.
- 23) All users should learn and follow "Leave No Trace" principles. See [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org) for more information.

**Check [www.camptekakwitha.net](http://www.camptekakwitha.net) for more information, release forms, and possible Eagle Scout Service Projects.**