

Pecos River Encampment Dress Code

Philosophy

Modesty is one of those practices that God teaches, but does not get much into details. As a result, very few Christians have exactly the same ideas about what is, or is not, modest. We recognize this, and consequently, **this policy makes no claims whatsoever about what is, or is not, modest.**

However, we do believe it is useful to define (and enforce) a camp standard for dress in order to create an atmosphere at Pecos River Encampment that is maximally conducive to focusing on spiritual matters for all who attend. Because we want the policy to be attractive to a broad audience, it is intentionally conservative.

Again, we recognize that this policy is unlikely to align perfectly with anyone's personal standards, but we request that *everyone* at camp, as long as they are at camp, humbly submit to these rules.

Rules

- All shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no shorter than four fingers' width above the knee (while standing).
- All attire shall be hemmed, no cut-offs.
- Do NOT wear see-through styles, revealing fashions, such as slit skirts, bare midriffs, backless, spaghetti straps (less than 3 fingers' width), spandex, muscle shirts, tank tops, halter tops, sagging pants, or mini skirts.
- Men, be careful with athletic shorts being revealing.
- It is our tradition to dress up in the evenings. Please do your best to honor this by wearing nicer clothes (e.g., long pants and dresses) for evening worship services. If this is difficult or impossible for some reason, please do the best you can. For example, bring your khaki shorts and tuck in your shirt.

Enforcement

Our goal is to minimize embarrassment and shame while still enforcing the policy. Please remember that this policy is NOT a declaration of what is modest and what is not—it is simply the rules for clothing at camp. As such, we do not judge anyone's modesty or morality for what they choose to wear, but we do expect everyone to follow these rules while at camp.

- For dorm campers, their counselors are authorized and expected to enforce these rules. Any dorm camper not complying will be sent back to their dorm to change. For any campers that persistently fail (or refuse) to comply, their counselors should seek help/advice from the head counselor (or PRE board). If compliance is not forthcoming, a defiant camper will be sent home at the PRE board's discretion.
- For everyone else not complying with these rules (adults, counselors, non-dorm kids, etc.), a PRE board member will discreetly give them (or their parent, if a child) a copy of this document and politely ask them to read and comply with it at their earliest convenient opportunity. Anyone refusing to comply after a second request may be asked to leave.