

## Camper Rights, Responsibilities & Discipline Guidelines

Camp @ The Camp is committed to creating and maintaining a safe learning environment. Expectations for appropriate behavior are high and will be communicated to students during orientation every Monday morning and reiterated during the week.

For the safety and well-being of all campers and staff, we need the cooperation of everyone to encourage positive behavior.

**Camp Philosophy** - Camp @ the Camp staff work to achieve the following:

- To help children feel comfortable in and understand their environment
- To develop a questioning attitude about their world
- To heighten children's awareness, using all of their senses, to experience some of the places where plants and animals live
- To have children experience certain ecological concepts and to motivate further respect for their surroundings
- To help prepare children for making choices, becoming self-directed, and responsible for their own learning
- To assure children of their inestimable worth
- To create an atmosphere of caring and respect
- To model and grow cooperative, tolerant attitudes

Camper's Rights - As a summer camp participant you have the right to:

- 1. Be treated with dignity and respect by everyone
- 2. Have a safe, calm, clean and orderly environment
- 3. Seek help from adults who are here to help you
- 4. Be free from fear of physical harm
- 5. Have a fair turn in a group activity
- 6. Be free from cruel teasing and put downs
- 7. Make mistakes without being ridiculed by others

**Camper's Responsibilities:** As a summer camp participant you are expected to:

- 1. Be fair and accepting of others eager to join any activity
- 2. Be truthful with everyone
- 3. Work and play safely
- 4. Use appropriate, acceptable language
- 5. Be kind, considerate, helpful and respectful towards others
- 6. Avoid fights or verbal abuse of other children
- 7. Share equipment and materials fairly and use them properly
- 8. Respect property, especially things that do not belong to you
- 9. Cooperate with others and with adults who are here to help you
- 10. Be a good sport when you win or lose
- 11. Show a positive attitude when new camp opportunities arise
- 12. Speak out when you witness unfairness or offensive language or behavior of others
- 13. Leave toys and electronics at home.

**Discipline Guidelines** – Causing either verbal or physical harm to another student or adult is not tolerated and will be addressed immediately. For most instances, the protocol is as follows:

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</u> Camper is removed from activity. Parents are notified, an incident report is filed and the Beacon Recreation Director is notified.

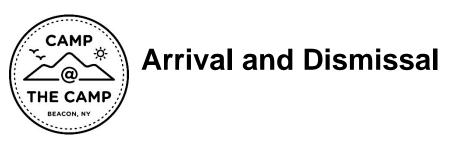
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</u> Camper is removed from activity. Parents are called to come pick up their child immediately. An incident report is filed and the Beacon Recreation Director is notified.

 $3^{-1}$  Offense: Child is expelled from Camp for the duration of the season. No refunds.

**Non-Negotiables** - Campers who exhibit any of the following will not be allowed to participate:

- Behavior(s) which continually disrupt the learning environment
- Behavior(s)s detrimental to the emotional health and/or safety of others (e.g. bullying)
- Behavior(s)s detrimental to the physical health and/or safety of others (e.g. hitting)

The staff of Camp @ the Camp reserve the right to address behaviors and incidents on a case by case basis in order to maintain a physically and emotionally safe environment for all.



## Drop-off is between 8:40am and 9:00am at the Camp Office.

- To find the camp office, drive into the Pool / South entrance and follow the road
- Activities start promptly at 9:00. Please arrive in a timely fashion, so all of children have opportunity to participate in our morning activities together.
- We encourage parents/caretakers to make a short, sweet goodbye ritual.
- We are here to support children who are homesick.
- Camp counselors will meet you upon arrival and bring campers to our gathering area.

## Regular dismissal is at 3:00pm at the Camp Office.

If you need to pick up earlier, please let us know so we can make sure your child is ready for you. Please note: If your child is picked up late more than 2 times, you will be charged late arrival fees.



## **Daily Packing List**

Please be sure your child comes to camp <u>each day</u> with a back pack containing these items:

 Swimsuit
 Towel
 Water bottle
 Lunch
 Snack packed separately from lunch
 Bug repellant
 Sunblock
 Rain poncho/jacket
 Extra pair of clothes in a Ziploc-type bag

**Do not bring electronics or toys** from home. Camp @ the Camp staff cannot be held responsible these items

We feel strongly that children will best appreciate their experience at camp without the distraction of personal items.