



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:

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

2nd Offense: 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.

3rd 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) detrimental to the emotional health and/or safety of others (e.g. bullying)
- Behavior(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.



Arrival and Dismissal

Drop-off is between 8:40am and 8:55am at the Camp Office.

- To find the camp office, drive into the Pool / South entrance and follow the road
- Activities start promptly at 9:00am. Please arrive in a timely fashion, so all children have the 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 fees. Chronic tardiness could result in dismissal from the program.



Daily Packing List

Please be sure your child comes to camp **each day** with a backpack containing these items:

- _ **Swimsuit**
- _ **Towel**
- _ **Water bottle**
- _ **Lunch**
- _ **Snack packed separately from lunch**
- _ **Bug repellent**
- _ **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 for these items.

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