

PARENT & CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

Campers and parents are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Campers and parents should refrain from being verbally and/or physically abusive to others. Campers should have respect for authority figures and should respond positively to guidance and direction. Staff are trained in using redirection as the first intervention with behavior concerns. Persistent behavior problems may result in dismissal from the summer camps program. Disciplinary procedures within the camp programs are guided by the type and severity of the behavioral incident as described below:

Minor Incidents: Minor incidents include, but are not limited to, name calling, horseplay, refusing to cooperate (not listening, not following rules, or not following directions), being disruptive, being rude/discourteous to adults, throwing soft objects, minor destruction of property such as tearing up or coloring on others papers, etc.

More Serious Offenses: More serious offenses include, but are not limited to, using abusive/profane language, throwing dangerous objects, participating in physical conflict (hitting, kicking, biting, etc.), and inappropriate social behavior. When a camper does not conform to acceptable rules of behavior, the staff will discuss with the camper the specific inappropriate behavior that the camper has demonstrated, more appropriate behavior, and the consequences for demonstrating further inappropriate behavior. Consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- Being assigned to a “Time Out” or a parent will be asked to assist with redirection. This action will be repeated if necessary.
- Being removed from the group if the behavior causes a distraction and barrier to learning or playing for the other participants.
- Exclusion from field trips.
- Informal or formal parent conferences.
- Suspension or dismissal from program (without refund of fees).

Zero Tolerance Policy – There is no tolerance regarding the participant’s conduct involving infractions that concern the immediate safety of the child, the other campers and our staff.

I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of participating in St. Mary’s County Recreation Parks programs. I understand that if I violate any of the terms of the code of conduct, that I/my child could be removed from camp and not allowed to return.

Camper Name

Camper Signature

Date

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Please return this form to summerfuncamps@stmaryscountymd.gov.