



CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Our goal is for every child who attends Arboretum Nature Camp to have a safe, positive camp experience. We understand that campers are at different levels of development. Part of the camp experience is about taking that next step and growing many new and different skills. Prior to the start of camp, however, the ability to do the following is required of all campers:

ESSENTIAL CAMPER FUNCTIONS

- Ability to understand/follow staff directions
- Ability to stay with one's designated group
- Ability to navigate outdoor environments, including varied terrain, heat, and direct sun
- Ability to self-monitor one's behavior so as not to be harmful to oneself or other staff or campers
- *Campers who require one-on-one assistance must attend with a trained, certified aide; Arrangements for aide participation must be executed with the Camp Director at least one week prior to the first day of camp.*

WHAT TO BRING:

- Signed and completed camper paperwork the first day of camp
- Lunch and snacks (The Arboretum does not provide food)
- A reusable water bottle (please label with camper names)
- Sturdy walking shoes
- Sunscreen, and if needed a hat or visor
- Umbrellas and waterproof shoes if it rains
- Appropriate clothing for both hot and cool weather, as well as water play
- Clothing that can get dirty during art, cooking, and outdoor activities
- A backup change of clothes
- Books to read during free-play (if desired)
- A notebook or journal to sketch in (if desired)

➤ **What NOT to Bring:**

- *Phones, smart-watches, or screens and texting devices of any kind*
- *Personal toys or play items (including Pokémon cards)*
- *Gifts for other campers*

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In order to ensure a safe space for all, campers and guardians are required to adhere to the protocol herein. These rules will be reviewed with campers on the first day of every camp week.

Please review each of the items below with your camper prior to the first day of camp, and ensure they understand what is expected of them.

CAMPER REQUIREMENTS:

❖ ***To ensure a safe and efficient camp process, all CAMPERS are required to:***

- Show respect for all plants and animals in the garden
- Be kind and friendly to each other and Arboretum staff
 - *Bullying or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.*
- Maintain a respectful tone and attitude at all times
- Listen and follow Arboretum staff instructions
- Remain with the group at all times
- Clean up personal space after activities and when prompted to by staff
- Communicate any needs to camp staff
- Alert camp staff of any problems
- Refrain from touching other campers and staff
- Refrain from touching supplies and projects other than one's own
- Refrain from touching classroom items
- Request staff assistance when needing a water bottle refill
- Wash hands whenever directed to by staff

➤ *If for any reason Arboretum staff have a disciplinary problem with a camper, parents/guardians will be contacted. Campers who fail to follow camp rules may be sent home for the day. Campers who fail to follow rules repeatedly or otherwise put themselves or other campers in jeopardy may be removed from the program entirely. Refunds will not be issued if campers are sent home or removed from the program.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUIREMENTS:

❖ ***To ensure a safe and efficient camp process, all PARENTS/GUARDIANS are required to:***

- Drop off and pick up campers within the designated 15-minute window
- Provide a photo ID each day at pick-up if asked by camp staff
- Communicate any needs to camp staff or Camp Director
- Refrain from sending their child to camp if that child is sick

- Understand and accept that campers who consistently fail to comply with safety measures in a reasonable fashion endanger the safety of themselves, other campers, and staff, jeopardizing The Arboretum's approval to operate camp
- Communicate with camp staff in a respectful manner
- Understand and accept that Arboretum Nature Camp has a zero-tolerance policy regarding bullying and harassing behavior, and that campers who exhibit such behaviors will be removed from the program
- Understand and accept that refunds will not be issued if a camper is removed from the program due to disciplinary issues

➤ **DROP-OFF/PICK-UP NOTES:**

Check-in is from 9am-9:15am. Check-out is from 4:45-5pm. We cannot accommodate early drop offs or late pickups. Campers must be dropped off and picked up within these windows. If you have circumstances that make 9am-9:15am drop off difficult on a particular day, or you need to pick your camper up early on a specific day, please discuss arrangements with the Camp Director. All campers must be signed out by their guardians by 5pm sharp. As parking may be challenging, please plan to arrive with enough time to secure a parking space and walk to the camp check-in location of your cohort. Gates will be closed and locked by 9:15am in the morning and by 5pm in the afternoon. ***Nature Camp is designed for full-day participation. Late drop-offs and early pick-ups should be avoided unless absolutely necessary, as they complicate and disrupt the camp day.***

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS HEREIN. I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE REVIEWED THESE REQUIREMENTS WITH MY CAMPER AND THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRED OF THEM AT CAMP. I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT CAMPERS WHO CONSISTENTLY REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS HEREIN JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY AND FUNCTION OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO FORFEIT THEIR CAMP EXPERIENCE WITHOUT A REFUND.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

CAMPER NAME: _____

DATE: _____