

Please read with your child and explain any rules if necessary. The rules include but are not limited to the following:

Rules:

1. Physical Aggression: Hitting, kicking, or any form of physical aggression toward other campers, staff, or animals.
2. Bullying and Harassment: Any form of bullying, teasing, name-calling, or harassment (verbal, physical, or cyber).
3. Inappropriate Language: Use of offensive language, swearing, or inappropriate jokes that could be harmful to others.
4. Disrespecting Staff or Other Campers: Ignoring instructions, talking back, or otherwise showing disrespect toward camp staff or fellow campers.
5. Destruction of Property: Purposefully damaging camp property or the personal belongings of others.
6. Unsafe Behavior: Engaging in behavior that could put themselves or others in harm's way, such as running away from supervised areas or ignoring safety instructions.
7. Theft: Taking or using items belonging to other campers or the camp without permission.
8. Exclusionary Behavior: Purposefully excluding or isolating other campers from activities or social situations.
9. Dishonesty: Lying to staff, especially when it compromises safety or the well-being of others.
10. Possession of Prohibited Items: Bringing or using prohibited items (e.g., weapons, illegal substances) on camp premises.
11. Inappropriate Touching: Any unwanted or inappropriate physical contact with others.

12. Refusal to Participate in Group Activities: Unwillingness to engage in activities without a valid reason, as it may disrupt group cohesion and camp programming.

13. Disruptive Behavior During Activities: Constantly interrupting or distracting others during structured activities or instruction time.

14. Littering or Environmental Disrespect: Leaving trash or damaging the natural environment, such as breaking branches, picking flowers unnecessarily, or littering in camp areas.

15. Misuse of Bathrooms or Changing Areas: Inappropriate behavior or misuse of private areas like bathrooms or changing rooms.

16. Dishonoring Camp Rules on Electronic Devices: Using electronic devices when not permitted, or using them to access inappropriate content.

17. Failure to Report Unsafe Situations: Not informing a counselor or staff member about unsafe or concerning behaviors witnessed at camp.

18. Unauthorized Leaving of Camp Premises or Assigned Areas: Leaving designated areas without permission or attempting to leave camp boundaries.

19. Repeated Rule Violations: Persistent disregard for camp rules after multiple reminders, affecting the experience and safety of others.

20. Unkindness Towards Animals or Nature: Harming or disturbing animals, insects, or natural elements (e.g., throwing rocks at animals, pulling leaves, etc.).

21. Violating Others' Personal Space or Belongings: Entering someone else's cabin, area, or belongings without permission, even as a "joke."

22. Insubordination: Refusing to follow reasonable instructions from staff that are necessary for the safety and enjoyment of all.

Compliance

Failure to adhere to these rules will result in the following actions:

1st offense - Child will receive a verbal warning up dependent upon the incident's severity. The incident will be documented. The camper's parent will be notified.

2nd offense - Child will be separated from rest of camp and will be spoken to by a camp counselor about their behavior. The camper's parent will be notified of the incident. The incident will be documented.

3rd offense - Child will be separated from the rest of camp and the child's parent will be notified that they need to pickup the child from camp as soon as possible.

Please note that BERA Camp reserves the right to dismiss a camper from the program if they repeatedly violate camp rules or in the case of a single, severe incident.