



Department of Community Services

Behavior Management Guidelines and Procedures – Summer Camp 2015

It is our goal to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all day camp participants. Children who attend the program are expected to follow the behavior guidelines and to interact appropriately in a group setting.

Our behavior guidelines are as follows:

- All campers will treat staff, the camp environment, and their fellow campers with respect.
- Campers will follow any posted rules.
- All staff and campers will promote a positive attitude for a fun camp experience.

When a camper does not follow the behavior guidelines, we will take the following steps:

1. Staff will redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior.
2. The camper will be reminded of the behavior guidelines and day camp rules, and a discussion will take place.
3. If the behavior persists, a parent will be notified of the problem.
4. The staff will document the situation. This written documentation will include what the behavior problem is, what provoked the problem, and the corrective action taken.
5. Staff may schedule a conference with the parent to determine the appropriate action that will be taken.
6. Staff may schedule a progress check or a follow-up conference.
7. If the problems still persist, staff will schedule a conference that includes the parent, camper, staff, and program director. The program director will have all documentation and the notes from the previous conferences for review. If subsequent conferences have to be scheduled, a counselor may also be present.
8. If a child’s behavior at any time threatens the immediate safety of that child, other children, or staff, the parent may be notified and expected to pick up the child immediately.
9. If a problem persists and a child continues to disrupt the day camp program, New Castle County reserves the right to suspend the child from the program. Expulsion from the program will be considered in extreme situations.

The following behaviors are not acceptable and may result in the immediate suspension of a camper for the remainder of the current day and the next day:

- Endangering the health and safety of children and/or staff, members, and volunteers
- Stealing or damaging camp or personal property
- Leaving the day camp program without permission
- Continuing to disrupt the program
- Refusing to follow the behavior guidelines or day camp rules
- Using profanity, vulgarity, or obscenity frequently
- Acting in a lewd manner

If any of these behaviors persists, staff may suspend the camper a second time before expulsion. Immediate expulsion may occur if a camper is in possession of and/or using tobacco, alcohol, drugs, firecrackers, firearms, or explosives.

Parent/Guardian Signature Required:

I have reviewed with my child the Behavior Management Procedures. I understand and agree to all of the terms presented in this document.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Camper Signature

Date