

Newtown Township Parks & Recreation Adventure Camp Code of Conduct

All Newtown Township camps follow a strict code of conduct policy. Fighting, profane or abusive language will not be tolerated. If your child's behavior is disruptive and their conduct is inappropriate you will be notified. Each child will be dealt with on an individual basis. **Please review the below policy with your child. This form needs to be signed by both parent/guardian & child and turned into the camp director on the first day of camp.**

As a camper, I will:

- Refrain from deliberately causing bodily harm to the campers or staff. I understand that pushing, kicking, hitting or fighting are not acceptable behavior. This behavior will not be tolerated and will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the camp program.
- Be respectful, cooperative and will contribute positively to the experience of fellow campers.
- Follow directions at all times.
- Be careful and considerate that my actions will not hurt another camper's feelings or hurt them physically, either intentionally or accidentally.
- Show respect to the camp staff, and cooperate fully with their instructions.
- Respect the rights and beliefs of others.
- Be respectful of camp property and equipment/supplies, as well as the property of the school, outside facilities (trips) and others.
- I understand that bullying, teasing, inappropriate touching and horseplay will not be tolerated.
- Communicate in an appropriate manner, which means I will not use foul language, gestures, harsh words or verbal threats of any kind.
- Campers are expected to wear appropriate clothing to camp each day. Appropriate clothing entails no extremely short, tight or low cut clothing. Campers may not wear any clothing that includes profanity or offensive gestures.
- Campers should inform camp staff if they are experiencing a problem with another camper or other issues. If a staff member is not informed about a problem, they cannot assist the camper or stop the problem.
- We expect all campers to have FUN, but not at the expense of others.
- Campers are encouraged to participate in activities to the best of their ability.
- Violation of the Code of Conduct can be grounds for disciplinary actions including but not limited to automatic suspension/dismissal. Refunds are not given when a camper is suspended or dismissed from the camp program.
- Weapons, look-alike weapons, or objects that may be used to threaten, intimidate, or harm others or to damage property may not be brought to camp.
- There is a time and place for cell phones. Cell phones should not be used to record or bully other campers. There may be some activities in which campers are allowed to use their phones. Please note Newtown Township

and camp staff are not responsible for any personal belongings or electronic devices.

Behavioral Issues Will Be Handled as Follows:

- First Strike — Warning and discussion with camper, parent is notified
- Second Strike — Discussion with parent/guardian
- Third Strike – Camper will be suspended from an upcoming trip, up to the director’s discretion.
- Fourth Strike — Camper will be withdrawn from the camp and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child immediately. No refund will be given.

Definition of Inappropriate Behavior: actions that endanger the safety or well-being of self or other campers/staff. These behaviors include, but are not limited to: foul language, threats (physical/online/verbal/written), fighting, bullying, disrespecting campers/counselors, pushing, shoving, hitting, etc.

Please keep in mind that campers are representing themselves, family, camp, and community. While unacceptable conduct is not anticipated from participants, we are prepared to deal with situations involving inappropriate behavior. Newtown Township Parks & Recreations maintains the right to dismiss any camper for inappropriate conduct. Any camper dismissed from the camp will not receive a refund. A parent/guardian will be notified immediately and expected to pick up the camper. Each child will be dealt with on an individual basis.

We respectfully request that a code of conduct be upheld by our parents. Below is a list of rules that we expect all of our parents to obey:

- No cursing or swearing.
- No threatening of the staff, parents, or children.
- No physical or verbal punishment of your children or other children.
- No smoking or drinking.
- No speeding in our parking lots – our speed limit is 5 mph.
- No quarreling with other parents or staff.
- Please refrain from using your cell phone when you are picking up or dropping off your child(ren).
- All parents must treat our staff as professionals.
- All firearms and weapons are prohibited on school property.

Camper Name: _____

Camper Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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