

## **Dove Creek Day Camp Behavior Guidance Policy**

At Dove Creek Day Camp, we strive to create a safe, engaging, and enjoyable experience for all campers. To achieve this, we ask that campers conduct themselves in a manner that promotes their own well-being, respects others, and supports the camp staff in maintaining a positive environment. This policy ensures the safety and well-being of all participants and staff at Dove Creek Day Camp.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to review this Behavior Guidance Policy with their camper(s) to help ensure a successful camp experience for everyone. Our camp staff is dedicated to supporting and guiding campers through positive role modeling, encouragement, and adherence to established safety protocols, including behavior management strategies.

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### **Expected Behavior**

- Campers should remain respectful and considerate toward others.
  - Campers must follow instructions from staff promptly to maintain safety and order.
  - Participation in activities with a positive attitude is encouraged to ensure a fun and enriching experience.
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### **Standard Disciplinary Measures**

For minor behavior issues, the following steps will be taken:

1. **Verbal Redirection** – Staff will address the behavior and provide guidance to the camper.
  2. **Second Verbal Redirection** – Further clarification and encouragement to correct the behavior.
  3. **Temporary Removal from Activity** – If the behavior persists, the camper will sit out of the activity, and parents/guardians will be informed.
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### **Addressing Serious Incidents**

If a camper's behavior jeopardizes their safety or the safety of others or violates the camper behavior contract, the following steps will be taken:

1. **First Violation:**
  - The incident will be addressed, and the camper may be removed from the activity for the day.
  - Parents/guardians will be contacted during or at the end of the camp day based on the severity of the incident.
2. **Second Violation:**
  - Staff will address and document the behavior.
  - Parents/guardians will receive a phone call and may be required to pick up the camper within the hour.
  - The camper may not be permitted to attend the next scheduled camp day.

- Parents must sign an incident report at pickup.
  - 3. **Third Violation:**
    - Staff will address and document the behavior.
    - Parents/guardians will be contacted to immediately pick up the camper.
    - Depending on the severity, the camper may be suspended from camp for one week.
    - Parents must sign an incident report at pickup.
  - 4. **Fourth Violation:**
    - The camper will be dismissed from the camp program for the remainder of the summer.
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### **Immediate Dismissal**

At our discretion, any behavior deemed unsafe or harmful—whether physical, emotional, or otherwise—may result in the camper’s immediate removal from the program.

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By signing the Camper Behavior Contract, parents/guardians acknowledge that they have reviewed and discussed the expectations with their camper(s) and understand the consequences for failing to meet these guidelines.