

YMCA Camps Ockanickon and Matollionequay

Behavior Management Policy

All camp activities are designed to reinforce the YMCA's 4 Core Values of **Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility**. In order for all campers to have the best possible experience, all campers need to be aware of the rules and agree to follow them. If a camper consistently or excessively breaks the rules and chooses not to take part in camp, they can negatively affect other campers by jeopardizing their physical or emotional safety. When this happens, all other campers in that village fail to receive the best possible camp experience. In the event that a camper chooses not participate in camp we will encourage them to do so by following the rules and values of camp.

Behavior Guidelines:

- ✓ Campers are responsible for their words and actions.
- ✓ We respect each other and the environment.
- ✓ Honesty will be the basis for all relationships and interactions.
- ✓ We will care for ourselves and those around us.
- ✓ Campers are to follow directions from staff members.
- ✓ We keep our hands, feet, and other body parts to ourselves.

When a camper doesn't follow the behavior guidelines, we will take the following steps:

- Counselor will redirect the child to a more appropriate behavior.
- The child will be reminded of the behavior guidelines and 4 Core Values, and a discussion will take place.
- If the behavior persists, a parent will be notified of the problem to enlist their help in resolving the situation.
- The staff will document the situation. The written documents will include what the behavior problem is, what provoked the problem, and the corrective action taken.
- If the problem persists and child continues to disrupt the program to the point where a second phone call becomes necessary, a leadership team member will call the parent so they can determine the appropriate action to take. At this time, the Camp Director may find it necessary to have the camper picked up.
- 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.
- Immediate expulsions may occur if a camper is in possession of and/or using illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, tobacco, alcohol, knives, guns, fireworks, explosives, matches, or candles

The following behaviors are not acceptable and may result in the immediate dismissal of a child from camp:

- Endangering the health and safety of themselves, other children, and/or staff or volunteers
- Stealing or damaging YMCA or personal property
- Continual disruption of the program
- Refusal to follow the behavior guidelines
- Using profanity or inappropriate conversations frequently
- Bullying behavior or any acts of violence

If a camper is sent home for failure to comply with the camp rules, no refund will be given.

PARENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

I have reviewed with my child the **Behavior Management Policy**. I understand and agree to all of the terms presented.

Parent's Signature

Date

Camper's Signature

Date

Camper's Name – Please Print