



## Monmouth County Park System Behavior Management Policy

Park System staff is looking forward to providing your child with a fun, memorable, and safe summer camp experience. Each camper has a responsibility to act in a way that assures a positive experience for all. To that end, all campers are required to follow these guidelines.

### **Behavior guidelines:**

- Campers shall be responsible for their words and actions.
- Campers shall be respectful of others.
- Campers shall follow directions from staff members.
- Campers shall leave all electronic devices at home such as ipods, hand held computer games, MP3 players, and cell phones. (A parent/guardian must seek permission from the camp director in order for the camper to be able to carry a cell phone for emergencies.)

### **Prohibited behaviors:**

- Endangering the health and safety of themselves, other campers, and/or staff or volunteers.
- Stealing, damaging, or failing to care for Park System or personal property.
- Continual disruption of the program.
- Refusal to follow the behavior guidelines.
- Inappropriate physical contact.
- Using profanity or inappropriate language or displaying clothing or other personal items with offensive content.
- Bullying or acts of aggression or violence.
- Possession or use of illegal substances, tobacco, or alcohol.
- Possession of weapons- any object that may cause harm to another, or place another person in fear of his/her safety, may be considered a weapon

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

- Counselor will redirect the camper to a more appropriate behavior.
- The camper will be reminded of the behavior guidelines.
- If the behavior persists, staff will discuss the problem with a parent.
- 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 to the point where a second phone call becomes necessary, the Camp Director/Supervisor may find it necessary to have the camper picked up.
- If a camper's behavior at any time threatens the immediate safety of him/her, other campers, or staff, the parent/guardian will be notified and expected to pick-up the child immediately.

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