



**NATURE CENTER**  
AT SHAKER LAKES

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## Outdoor Adventure Camp Behavioral Expectations Agreement

*This completed form is required for participation in camp.*

**To be completed by camper parent or guardian.**

The camps at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes are a safe, caring, and fun community where we inspire environmental stewardship and the exploration and conservation of natural areas is celebrated. Because creating such a community requires the commitment of each of our campers, we ask that all participants and their parents/guardians agree to the behavior expectations listed below.

Age Group	Behavioral Expectation
Nature Nursery (Pre-K) & Squirrel Scouts (Kindergarten)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow instructions, including safety standards, at all times. This includes staying with the group and not running ahead of the educator.</li> <li>Respect nature by staying on designated trails, not damaging or removing anything from the environment unless instructed otherwise by the camp educator.</li> <li>Respect fellow campers by not causing any physical harm, such as biting, hitting, pinching, or kicking.</li> </ul>
Nature's Lifeguards (grades 1-2), Nature's Explorers (grades 3-5), and Eco Rangers (grades 6-9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow instructions, including safety standards at all times. This includes staying with the group and camp educator.</li> <li>Respect nature by staying on designated trails and not damaging or removing anything from the environment unless instructed otherwise by the camp educator.</li> <li>Respect fellow campers by not causing emotional or physical harm, such as bullying, hitting, kicking, or punching.</li> <li>When a problem between campers arises, please do not hesitate to notify the camp educator. Educators are always ready to listen and assist in problem solving to the best of their abilities.</li> </ul>

### Outline of Corrective Action

If the expectations listed above, or a pattern of other inappropriate behavior occurs, NCSL staff will practice positive reinforcement and remain professional when implementing corrective action.

**Step one:** Remind the camper of expected behavior.

**Step two:** NCSL staff will have a private conversation with the camper to set specific behavior goals and outline consequences for continued inappropriate behavior. At this time a verbal warning may be given to the camper.

**Step three:** Camper and NCSL staff will have a conversation with the parent/guardian at the end of the day where strategies to help improve behavior will be determined and implemented. If a second warning is given, NCSL staff will complete a Behavioral Incident Report that will be reviewed with the parent/guardian and signed.

**Step four:** If inappropriate behavior continues after the written warning, a third warning will be given to the camper. Once a camper receives a total of three warnings they may be dismissed from camp for the remainder of the week. Dismissal may also occur if a camper's behavior disrupts the safety or dynamic of the larger group. Once dismissed from camp, tuition is forfeited and registration in any subsequent camps for that season may be canceled.

By signing this form, you, as the parent or guardian, agree and understand the corrective actions that will be enforced at all times during the camp season for the safety and enjoyment of all campers.

<b>Signature of Parent/Guardian:</b> _____ <b>Date</b> _____
<b>Camper's Name:</b> _____