

# Camper Behavior Agreement

The Marine Studies Enrichment Program is a week-long residential summer camp. The MSEP is also a safe community of learners where individual differences are valued so that everyone can learn and have fun. Because creating such a community requires the commitment of all participants, we ask everyone to agree to the behavior expectations listed below. Campers and parents/guardians should review and discuss these guidelines together. We ask that both camper and parent/guardian sign at the end of this document to confirm that you have read this document and acknowledge and accept the responsibility to meet these behavior expectations.

## I Will Show Respect For Others

- I will respect other people's ideas and values, even if they are different from my own.
- All of my actions and language will have a positive impact on others in the MSEP community.
- I understand that any behavior that could harm (physically or emotionally) a camper or staff member, or which is disrespectful, is unacceptable.
- I will choose kind.

## I Will Show Respect For Myself

- I will take care of myself by getting plenty of sleep, by eating well, and by maintaining my personal health (showering and changing into clean clothes regularly, brushing my teeth, washing my hands often, using sunscreen when needed, checking myself for ticks, telling an adult if I am hurt or unwell, etc.)
- I will make the most of all learning opportunities at MSEP by fully participating in camp activities and I will try new things.
- I will not allow exclusive relationships (like those with friends from home or school) to prevent me from getting to know other people at camp, or from including others in activities.

## I Will Show Respect For The Environment And Camp Facilities

- I understand that all community members are expected to share responsibility for keeping personal and community areas neat and clean, and I will help with these tasks.
- I will not use my phone during hands-on field activities or classroom labs. I will practice the same online behavior that is expected of me by my school district.
- I will be sensitive to the environment. I will practice "Leave No Trace" ethics and tread lightly on the land.
- I will stay on trails and I will not damage or remove anything from the environment.
- I will take care of Dorothy P. Flint's Cliff House facilities, as well as MSEP's program supplies and equipment. I will put equipment away when I finish using it and will leave an area I use better than I found it.

# I Will Show Respect For Everyone's Health And Safety

- I understand that the possession and use of tobacco, e-cigarettes/vapes, alcohol, or illegal drugs is prohibited. I will not have/use these at camp.
- I understand that fireworks, firearms, pocket knives, and other weapons are not allowed. I will not bring these to camp.
- I will abide by all safety standards explained by the staff.
- I understand that ALL campers must be in their sleeping areas from lights out until activities begin the following morning. I will stay in my sleeping area at night.
- I understand that physical and emotional bullying or violence will result in my immediate dismissal from camp. If I am dismissed, my parent/guardian is responsible for picking me up immediately.

If a camper has difficulty following the MSEP's behavior expectations, staff will:

- remind the camper of expected behavior;
- review the Behavior Agreement above;
- discuss ways staff members can support the camper in making necessary behavior improvements;
- if dismissal from camp occurs, my parent/guardian is responsible for picking me up immediately.

Camper Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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