



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR SANTA CRUZ OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL

Behavior guidelines are necessary at the outdoor school as they are everywhere else. These are simple, common sense rules that are not meant to restrict students from having an experience that is fun, but to insure that everyone is safe and enjoying the Outdoor Science School equally.

The Outdoor School “3 R’s” will help you remember what is expected:

- * Be **RESPECTFUL**. Show respect for yourself and others, their feelings, their rights, their bodies (treat others as you would like to be treated) and their property (do not touch anything without the owner’s permission).
- * Be **RESPONSIBLE**. Think before you act and make the appropriate choices that are in the best interest of everyone at the Outdoor Science School. You will be held accountable for the choices you make and for the consequences of those actions. Your parents, your classroom teacher, your school, and especially your classmates will be depending on you to behave in a way that will not be disruptive or take away from their experience. Inappropriate behavior wastes everyone else’s time.
- * Be **RELIABLE**. Show your cabin leader, naturalists and teachers that you can be counted on to follow the rules. Take care of your own personal space in your cabin. Show your cabin leader, naturalists, teachers and friends that they can rely on you to help out.

The staff at the Outdoor Science School will be relying on each student to be responsible for knowing, understanding, and following the guidelines listed below!

CABINS: Students are expected...

1. not to enter other cabins (failing to follow this rule could result in immediate suspension).
2. to be in bed and quiet by lights out (usually 9:20 P.M.) except for emergencies.
3. to remain in bed until 7:00 A.M. when the Cabin Leader asks you to get up.
4. to stay with your cabin group at all times.
5. to refrain from pillow fights, wrestling, roughhousing or pranks of any kind.
6. not to have any food of any kind in cabins (in order to avoid attracting rodents and insects).
7. to follow the directions of, and cooperate with the Cabin Leader.

DINING ROOM: Students are expected...

1. to talk quietly at the table.
2. to stay seated (only the Hopper has reason to leave the table during meals).
3. to understand that playing with or throwing food is inappropriate.
4. to listen quietly when it is time for announcements and instructions.

TRAIL AND GROUNDS: Students are expected ...

1. to stay on the trail and walk **behind** the Naturalist or Cabin Leader.
2. to wear long pants and close-toed shoes on trail.
3. to refrain from throwing objects, pushing, or carrying walking sticks.
4. to respect all plants and animals and not to remove or hurt them in any way.
5. to listen quietly at all times when a Teacher, Naturalist, or Cabin Leader is speaking.

IN GENERAL: Students are expected...

1. to use appropriate language.
2. to avoid statements that could be thought of as put-downs to or about others.
3. to cooperate with staff and other students.
4. to refrain from doing anything that could cause harm to self or others or damage to Outdoor School buildings and grounds

I have read the three R’s and the guidelines. I understand them, and I am willing to follow them. I understand that my failure to follow them could result in my parents being called and could cause suspension from the Outdoor School.

Student Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____