



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Rules and guidelines for participants in the Santa Cruz County Outdoor Science School program

We strive to create a community where all students feel that they are safe and that they belong. To this end, participants are expected to be RESPONSIBLE and to treat others with RESPECT and KINDNESS while at the Outdoor Science School.

Below are important examples of how students are expected to be RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and KIND at the Outdoor Science School:

AT ALL TIMES: Students are expected...

- to avoid statements that could be thought of as put-downs to or about others. Derogatory comments about participants' bodies, race, skin color, culture, clothing, gender identity or gender expression are strictly prohibited.
- to avoid statements that could threaten someone's sense of safety
- to use language that is appropriate for school
- to follow the directions of the staff and to cooperate with staff, teachers, cabin leaders and other students.
- to stay with the group
- to refrain from doing anything that could cause harm to self or others or damage to the Outdoor Science School buildings and grounds

IN THE CABINS/DURING CABIN TIME: Students are expected...

- to follow the cabin privacy rules
- not to enter other cabins
- to stay in bed (unless quietly getting up to use the restroom) and to be quiet during lights-out time (9:20pm - 7am)
- to refrain from pillow fights, wrestling, roughhousing/play-fighting or pantsing of any kind.
- not to have any food, candy or gum in cabins

ON TRAIL AND CAMPUS: Students are expected...

- to stay on the trail and walk behind the instructor or cabin leader
- to refrain from throwing objects, pushing, or carrying walking sticks
- to respect all plants and animals and not to remove or hurt them in any way
- to listen quietly when a teacher, instructor, or cabin leader is giving directions and/or teaching

Respectfully holding students accountable for their behavior contributes to a safe environment for all participants and can help students develop skills that are important for success in and out of school.

The Outdoor Science School staff may initiate appropriate intervention if students fail to follow the above expectations. Appropriate interventions include a meeting with staff to discuss the behavior and its impact on the community and may include the following consequences: Written Warning, Written Contract meeting, Phone Call Home to parents/guardians, Early Dismissal from Outdoor Science School. The appropriate intervention for each student in each situation is determined at the discretion of the Outdoor Science School supervisory staff, at times in collaboration with the student's teacher and school principal. Some behaviors may lead to immediate, early dismissal including but not limited to; sexual harassment, physical fighting/violent behavior, "pantsing" another student.

I have read the BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS for the Outdoor Science School program. I understand them, and I am willing to follow them. I understand that failure to follow them could result in parents/guardians being called and could result in early dismissal from the Outdoor Science School which would require parents/guardians to pick up their student at the Outdoor Science School campus.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____