



BEHAVIOURAL GUIDELINES FOR CAMPS

Setting campers up for success

We appreciate every child for their unique abilities and treat each with respect, compassion and understanding. In order to best support your child(ren) in our programs and to continue creating safe spaces, we ask that you inform our team of any of the following:

- Specific behavioural needs and/or support.
- If additional support is required, such as a Support Worker or E.A.
 - Generally speaking, if a child requires additional support in their school setting, then it is recommended that parents also provide a support person for camps. As our instructors do not have formal/specialized training in support work and/or unique behavioural needs/challenges.
 - Please contact externalprograms@smus.ca for more information & resources.

Creating a safe and inclusive community

At SMUS Camps we value inclusivity and the importance of creating safe spaces in which campers can learn, explore, and create alongside their peers. This calls on each of us to do our part in building our community at the school.

Remember to practice R.E.S.P.E.C.T and have FUN!

Responsibility - for your actions, words, environment and belongings

Enthusiasm - in what you are doing and learning

Safety - in camp and outside, listen to and follow instructions

Participation - in projects, activities and games. It's more fun when we all participate together!

Empathy - for others' experiences and challenges

Compassion - for self and for others.

Tolerance - of differences. There's room for everyone!



Communication with parents/guardians

We understand that disagreements and conflict are a natural part of life. For children and youth it is even considered an essential part of their development, which we will graciously support within our programs. For minor cases we will simply notify parents at the end of the day, letting them know what happened and what steps were taken to resolve it, and to please follow up/check in with their child(ren).

With that in mind, there are some extreme behaviours that will need to be addressed immediately to ensure everyone's safety. In these cases parents and/or other authorities (if necessary) will be contacted and depending on the severity of the situation, the child may be removed from camp for the remainder of the day and/or week.

These extreme cases include but are not limited to:

- Derogatory comments/insults said with the intent to hurt/harm another person
- Threats to harm others or self
- Verbal assault
- Self-harm
- Physical violence towards others i.e punching, hitting, kicking
- Flight risk behaviours or tendencies
- Destruction of property/equipment
- Use of weapons or other objects as weapons with the intent to harm another

If you have any further questions or require more information, please contact us at **externalprograms@smus.ca**.