



Summer Camps Rules and Behavior Expectations

Our first priorities are safety and creating a positive atmosphere for learning. The expectations listed below enable participants to have a safe, enjoyable experience.

The staff at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences are expected to practice:

- Positive redirection and collaborative behavior management.
- Respectful and calm communication.
- Supervision of campers always.
- Professional language.

Participants are expected to exhibit age-appropriate behavior within these guidelines:

- Use appropriate volume when speaking.
- Listen quietly while the instructor is talking and follow directions.
- Respect other children, staff, equipment, facilities, and yourself.
- Respect the environment and animals, both inside and outside the Museum.
- Keep hands to ourselves.
- Stay with your group, within eyesight and earshot of an adult.
- Leave radios, iPods, video gaming systems, and/or electronics at home.
- Follow safety precautions such as wear closed-toed shoes, stay on the trail, investigate the environment carefully, etc.

Addressing behavior concerns:

1. If a camper does not comply with behavior expectations, staff will talk privately with the camper to restate expectations and work to find a solution together.
 - a. Staff will allow the camper two additional chances to comply with the behavior expectations.
 - b. To prevent further negative behavior, staff will consider modifying communication of expectations or adjusting activities/organization to promote the desired behavior.
2. If negative behaviors continue past the third discussion, or if any behaviors pose a safety risk, a conference will be held with the instructor, a member of the Summer Camp Administrative staff, and the child. If the child is still unable to comply with the behavior expectations, Summer Camp Administrative staff will speak directly with the guardian to develop and implement strategies to help with success.
3. After a reasonable amount of time and effort has been made, the individual may be asked to forego the summer camp experience without a refund until alternative behaviors are learned.

Behaviors that may result in immediate dismissal include but are not limited to:

- Any action that could threaten or pose a direct threat to the physical/emotional safety of the child, other children, staff, or program animals.
- Fighting or bullying of any kind.
- Possession of a weapon.
- Vandalism or destruction of Museum property or property of others.
- Sexual misconduct.
- Possession of or use of alcohol or controlled substances unless under the prescription of a doctor.