



Duke Gardens Nature Adventure Camp

Behavior Guidelines and Expectations

Sarah P. Duke Gardens aims to provide a summer camp that is safe, inclusive and fun for all campers. Our camps work to create a sense of community where campers' individuality and identities are celebrated, where curiosity is encouraged and where learning is fun.

Following the guidelines and expectation below will help ensure that all campers have a positive, safe, and fun experience when at camp at Duke Gardens. Parents/Guardians of campers are required to review and discuss these guidelines and expectations with their camper prior to attending the first day of camp. Both the camper and the parent/guardian should sign below to indicate their acceptance and understanding of these expectations.

As a **camper** at Sarah P. Duke Gardens Camp....

I will **respect myself** by:

- Staying with the group at all times so I do not get lost.
- Not eating or ingesting any plants, berries, flowers, leaves, or other parts of a plant from the Gardens, unless instructed that it is safe by the camp staff.
- Challenging myself to try new things and work to maintain a positive attitude.

I will **respect others** by:

- Treating others with kindness and respect.
- Respecting others' property, feelings and differences.
- Using appropriate language.
- Using my best listening skills when others are sharing and when adults are giving me instructions.
- Working through my disagreements with other campers by using my words and seeking help from adults when I cannot resolve the problem myself.
- Understanding and accepting that any behavior that could hurt others- their bodies or their feelings is unacceptable at camp.

I will **respect the environment** by:

- Cleaning up after myself and leave an area I use better than the way I found it.
- Treating all nature with respect and will not damage plants by picking, pulling, climbing or stepping on them.
- Not grabbing, hurting, scaring, or killing any wildlife I encounter when at camp.

I will **avoid**:

- Fighting, rough housing or engaging in unsafe behavior.
- Threatening or bullying anybody, or joining in when others are bullying somebody.
- Sharing or trading food (unless it is with a sibling).
- Taking things that do not belong to me.
- Being disrespectful to staff or other campers. This including being intentionally mean.
- Not listening to staff.
- Bringing weapons, drugs or alcohol to camp.
- "Playing" or scenarios that involve shooting, guns, bombs or other explosives, or war scenarios.



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As a **parent/guardian** or a camper at Duke Gardens' camps:

- I will make arrangements so that my camper arrives and is picked up on time each day.
- Follow all drop-off and pick-up procedures for camp (found in parent handbook).
- Enable my camper to come to camp with all the supplies, snacks, water and lunch needed for their day.
- Work together with camp staff to resolve any issues that may arise with my camper.
- Share with camp staff any strategies that lead to success for my camper in a group setting.
- Alert camp staff to any immediate or severe health and medical needs.
- Not bring my camper to camp if they are experiencing cold, flu, or COVID-19 symptoms.

If a camper is unable to follow these guidelines and expectations, the following steps will be taken by camp staff:

- 1) Camper will receive a verbal warning from camp staff which remind the camper of the camp guidelines.
- 2) If the behavior or actions continues, parent/guardians will be contacted by the Education Program Coordinator. The camper may be given time apart from the group while the behavior is addressed with parent/guardian.
- 3) If the behavior does not improve, the camper will be sent home and no refund for that day will be provided.
- 4) Camp staff reserves the right to refuse a camper returning to camp for the remainder of the week of camp if it is in the best interest of the other campers.

There is **zero tolerance** for inappropriately touching of others, or threatening violence. If an incident of this nature arises with a camper, the steps above will not be followed and a parent/guardian will be called immediately to discuss the appropriate next steps. Next steps may include the camper being sent home for this kind of behavior.

Sign below to acknowledge your understanding of these guidelines and expectations.

Camper Name

Camper Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature