

OMSI OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL DISCIPLINE CODE

Please review these policies with students prior to the program.

GOALS:

- To offer the opportunity for each participant to succeed
- To insure the safety and well being of all participants
- To offer the opportunity to experience the benefits of the learning process
- To allow participants to build a cooperative framework in the social and academic aspects of the program

DISCIPLINE ACTIONS:

"Disruptive behavior " is any action by a program participant that disrupts or decreases the learning situation, environment, or social interaction of the group. The following steps will be taken by appropriate OMSI staff in response to poor behavior choices:

- Step one: A staff member talks to the camper to determine if he/she understands the rules and is capable of adhering to them, with the camper receiving a time out if it is deemed appropriate.
- Step two: If the action continues, the camper meets with the group leader (e.g. Lead Teacher), and the Program Coordinator is notified. A verbal behavior contract may be agreed upon, with time out observed.
- Step three: If the action continues, the camper meets with the Program Coordinator and the group leader. A contract is written and signed by the student, the Program Coordinator and the group leader. The parents are notified about the situation and the need to pick up the child from the camp if the behavior continues.
- Step four: If the action continues, the parents are called to remove the camper from the program at the parents' expense.

ACTIONS WHICH JUSTIFY IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF STUDENT FROM PROGRAMS:

1. Violent acts against students or staff.
2. Possession of alcohol, narcotics, or tobacco products.
3. Theft or vandalism.
4. Possession of a weapon.
5. Overt sexual or offensive behavior or remarks toward students, OMSI staff, or group leaders, including the use of racial, religious, or sexual slurs or intimidation.