

UWC ATLANTIC DAY CAMPS

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Introduction

Our summer day camp is committed to providing a safe, fun, and positive environment for all participants. This behaviour policy outlines the expectations for all participants to ensure that everyone can enjoy their time at the camp. Parents and guardians should review this policy with their children before the start of camp.

General Expectations

- **Respect:** All participants are expected to show respect towards their peers, camp staff, and the environment. This includes being kind, listening to others, and following instructions.
- **Safety:** participants must follow all safety rules and guidelines. Unsafe behaviour will not be tolerated.
- **Inclusion:** Everyone should feel welcome and included. Teasing, bullying, or excluding others is prohibited.

Specific Rules

1. **Follow Directions:** participants must listen to and follow the directions given by staff at all times.
2. **Keep Hands and Feet to Yourself:** Physical contact such as hitting, pushing, or inappropriate touching is not allowed.
3. **Use Kind Words:** Offensive language, name-calling, or any form of verbal abuse is strictly forbidden.
4. **Stay with the Group:** participants must remain with their assigned group unless given permission by a staff member to leave.
5. **Respect Camp Property:** participants should take care of all equipment, materials, and camp facilities. Any intentional damage will result in consequences and may require reimbursement.
6. **Electronic Devices:** Personal electronic devices (phones, tablets, etc.) are not permitted at the camp.
7. **Healthy Participation:** All participants are encouraged to participate in activities to the best of their abilities. If a participant is not feeling well, they should inform a staff member immediately.

Consequences for Misbehaviour

The following steps will be taken if a participant does not adhere to the behaviour policy:

1. **Verbal Warning:** The participant will receive a verbal reminder of the camp rules and the expected behaviour.
2. **Time Out/Reflection Time:** The participant will be removed from the activity for a short period to reflect on their behaviour.
3. **Parent/Guardian Notification:** If the behaviour continues, parents or guardians will be informed.
4. **Suspension or Exclusion:** In the case of severe or repeated misbehaviour, the participant will be suspended or removed from camp without a refund.

Zero Tolerance Policy

The following behaviours will result in immediate suspension or removal from camp without a refund:

- **Physical violence:** Any form of fighting or physical aggression.
- **Bullying or Harassment:** Persistent teasing, threatening, or making others feel uncomfortable.
- **Possession of Weapons or Harmful Items:** Bringing any dangerous objects to camp.
- **Illegal Activities:** Engaging in any illegal behaviour, including theft or use of prohibited substances.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility

Parents and guardians are responsible for reviewing this policy with their children. Open communication with camp staff is encouraged to address any concerns or special circumstances. It is your responsibility to ensure you have disclosed any learning or behavioural additional needs of your child so that we can ensure the safety of your child and others.

Acknowledgement

When you booked a space for your child on the UWC Atlantic Day Camp you agreed to have read, understood, and agree to abide by the camp's behaviour policy.

This behaviour policy is designed to ensure a safe, enjoyable, and enriching experience for all participants. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to an enjoyable summer camp.