

## 2008 Summer Camp Behavior Policies

The following contract is designed to maintain consistency within our summer camp policies that are in place to ensure the safety of all campers and staff. Please review our policies with your child(ren) before signing below. This contract will be referred to in the case of a disciplinary problem. In the event that the contract is broken, a Site Lead may call the parent/guardian and the child may be asked to be picked up immediately. Foster City Parks and Recreation Staff strive to provide quality, consistency, safety, and a fun environment for your child. Policies have been set in place to maintain our programs credibility.

- Violence- Foster City Parks and Recreation Summer Camp programs have adopted the zero tolerance policy for weapons and drug use/illegal substances set forth by the San Mateo/Foster City School District. **For specific rules, please see individual camps.**

**\*Physical or verbal threats of violence** in our programs will not be taken lightly! The Foster City Parks and Recreation Department Youth and Teen programs have **ZERO TOLERANCE** for violent, physical and/or verbal outbursts. Children displaying physical behavior, or who engage in verbal threats that endanger him/herself or the safety and welfare of program participants, volunteers, or City Staff will be immediately suspended from Department Youth and Teen Programs, and run the risk of expulsion from further programs. In the event of an expulsion, a mandatory Parent/Coordinator conference must be scheduled. ***A child suspended from youth and teen programs for violent/threatening behavior will not be allowed to return to camp without prior approval from the Youth or Teen Programming Coordinator.***

- Camper must listen to and follow counselors directions at all times
- Camper must follow rules of games and activities
- Camper must respect all Staff
- Camper must respect all equipment
- Inappropriate language is prohibited
- Electronics cell phones, iPods, Nintendo Ds, Play Stations etc. are not allowed at camp and will be confiscated. Parents/Guardians may pick items up at the end of the day.
- Staff are not responsible lost or stolen items

- Child must participate for minimum of 10 minutes in each game/project before opting to “sit out.”
  - Child must stay within designated boundaries set by a camp counselor at all times. Running away may result in a phone call to the Police Department for the safety of the child and other participants.
  - Roughhousing and wrestling are not allowed.
  - No Climbing (Tables, Chairs, Other furniture, Trees, Fences, Buildings etc.)
  - Appropriate clothing and tennis shoes must be worn at all times. (Sandals and Crocs are unsafe and hard to play in.)
  - If your child requires special assistance please notify the Recreation Coordinator one week prior to child’s start date.
  - Tampering with fire alarms is strictly prohibited.
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I have read and understand the rules set forth by Foster City Parks and Recreation Staff. I understand that failure to comply with these rules will result in disciplinary action, which can include sitting out from participation, suspension from camp or expulsion. I have also reviewed the policies with my child(ren) and explained the possible disciplinary actions to them.

Please understand that the policies are solely intended to maintain the safety and quality of our programs.

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_