

Camper Code of Conduct



Mission: The Conservancy's camps are designed to nurture respect for the natural world, increase awareness of environmental issues and instill a sense of stewardship. Campers will hike, explore the landscape, participate in stewardship projects, play nature games, and create earth friendly arts and crafts, among many other themed activities.

Summer Nature Camps at the Howard County Conservancy are safe places for all campers. To accomplish this, our camp rules require respect for oneself, each other and the environment. Please read these guidelines with your camper to help them fully understand the expectations and behave appropriately at camp.

My camper and I agree to:

- Show respect to other participants and treat them with courtesy
- Show respect to staff and cooperate with their instructions
- Know and follow behavior guidelines and camp rules
- Use program equipment, natural areas and facilities properly
- Respect the property of others
- Work out disagreements in a non-violent manner with the help of staff
- Communicate appropriately, which means not using foul language or gestures, unwelcome teasing or harsh words
- Respect the health and safety of other campers and staff, understanding that pushing, kicking, hitting, bullying or fighting are not acceptable and will not be tolerated

Camp is a special place where we prioritize all campers' right to physical and emotional safety. All campers deserve to try new things, make new friends, explore and have fun in a safe environment. Conservancy staff will work with each camper individually to resolve minor behavior issues and will seek positive parental support when necessary. The Conservancy reserves the right to dismiss a camper who exhibits unsafe behavior or endangers other campers. No refunds are provided if a camper is dismissed due to behavioral problems.

By initialing the registration form, I agree that I have discussed the rules above with my camper and that we understand and agree to comply with the Camper Code of Conduct.