

## Shenandoah Summer Camp Character Expectations

Campers have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that is in the best interests of the camp program, its campers and staff.

Parents/Guardians have a responsibility to go over the Camper Character Contract with their camper(s), as we want to make all camper experiences a positive one.

SES summer camp staff has a responsibility to support your child in the camp setting, be a role model and to follow all safety protocol, including behavior management.

If an incident occurs where a child conducts himself/herself in such a manner that jeopardizes their safety, the safety of others, or is not in accordance with the mission of SES summer camp, the following steps will be taken.

1. First Violation: A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. The child may be removed from an activity for the day, free time, etc. Parents will be contacted during the day or at the end of camp depending on the time and severity of the incident. Parents must sign the character contract at time of pick-up.
2. Second Violation: The camp director will address and document the issue directly with the child. The parent or guardian will receive a phone call and may be asked to pick up their child within the hour. The child may or may not be allowed to attend camp the next day with no refund. Parents must sign the character contract at time of pick-up. \*\* Students with two behavior violations will not be allowed to attend off campus field trips.\*\*
3. Third Violation: The camp director will address and document the issue directly with the child. Parents may be contacted immediately to pick up their child from camp. (Child will be dismissed from camp for the remainder of the program.)
  - Please Note: We reserve the right at any time to dismiss your child from the program immediately if we deem unsafe placement due to environment, physical, emotional, or other harm to themselves, other children, and staff.

## Camper Contract

Parents/Guardians:

Please review the following character contract with your child. Ensure that they understand the expectation that they adhere to the terms of the contract at all times while at SES Summer Camp.

### Camp Character Code:

Campers developing and displaying positive character values is our goal. Caring, honesty, respect and are traits we require of our campers. It is imperative that our campers agree to meet our expectations while at camp.

At camp we care for ourselves and those around us. We earn each other's trust through honesty. We respect each other and the environment. We are responsible for our choices!

Parent and campers must read and initial each of the statements below in acknowledgement of their agreement to abide by camp rules.

#### While at camp, I will:

Show respect and kindness

Respect the property of camp and others

Respect other people's feelings/differences

Have fun and make camp fun for others

#### While at camp, I will not:

Fight or behave unsafely

Threaten or bully others

Take things that don't belong to me

Use inappropriate language

I have read and understand the Character Contract, and agree to follow camp rules and honor the Camp Character Code. I understand that failure to comply with these rules will have consequences, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Dismissal from participation in activities and or TOR
- Camp suspension – minimum 1 day, maximum 1 week
- Permanent expulsion from camp

Camper Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_