



## SACANDAGA

Dear Campers and Parents,

Before your child comes to camp, we need to make sure you and your child understand our camp's policy on behavior. It is our expectation that all campers exhibit what we call "camp appropriate behavior." This includes appropriate language, topics of conversation, and acting according to our golden rule of camp; **be respectful, and be kind**. This encapsulates our expectations of how campers treat each other and the camp.

It is very important to us that all children feel welcome, accepted, and they belong. In fact, at camp many children who say they don't feel like they fit in anywhere else, but they do fit in at camp. To create and maintain this atmosphere; **we take any instances of bullying, teasing, or harassment very seriously**. If your child feels disrespected or is being bullied, or see a fellow camper being bullied, they need to tell a staff person so we can help them.

We approach bullying as a societal problem, often with no clear good guy or bad guy, and two sides (or more) to each story. We hope that camp can help all children learn how to behave with the principles of kindness and respect, and they can take these principles back to their schools and the rest of their lives.

However, if a **child's behavior is continuously detrimental to other camper's enjoyment of camp** and is not corrected, that child could face going home. Rather than punish we hope to alter negative behavior, but a camper who is repeatedly disrespectful or unkind to their cabin mates or others here at camp will not be tolerated.

Negative behavior affects more than just the camper involved in the misconduct; it affects all those around them. Our goal is to assist in the growth of the camper through positive reinforcement and the understanding of consequences. **We highly recommend you look over the parent/child participation agreement section of the registration and go over it with your child.**

While we will make every attempt to make your child's stay enjoyable, if your child is a disruption to camp, they will be sent home with no refund. Parents will be required to come to camp to pick up their child, regardless of the hour.

Please take some time to talk to your child about how to behave at camp. And make sure they understand that if your child feels disrespected or is being bullied, or see a fellow camper being bullied, they need to tell a staff person so we can help them.

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We rarely have many problems like these at camp, and it is extremely rare to have a child sent home for behavior issues. But we want to be prepared and make sure everyone is aware of the rules at camp.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I want to make sure your child has the best summer ever!

Thank you.

Warmest Regards,



Jim Tavares  
Director