

# Early Horizons' Student Behavior Contract



## Behavior Guidelines

Please read our behavior policy with your camper before their first day at Camp Horizons.

We expect campers to act respectfully at all times when they are on Early Horizons property, or participating in any of our programs off site. Campers are to behave in a mature, responsible way and respect the rights and dignity of others.

### Early Horizons Core Values:

- Campers take **Responsibility** for their actions.
- Campers **Respect** themselves, each other, camp equipment and the environment.
- **Honesty** will be the basis for all relationships and interactions.
- Campers will be **Caring** in their relationships with others.

### Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to the following:

- Refusing to follow behavior guidelines or camp rules
- Using profanity, vulgarity or obscenity
- Stealing or damaging property (personal or camp property)
- Refusal to participate in activities or cooperate with staff
- Disrupting a program
- Leaving a program without permission
- Endangering the health and safety of children and/or staff
- Teasing, making fun or bullying of other campers or staff
- Fighting/hitting/kicking of any kind

At Early Horizons and Camp Horizons, bullying in any way is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against all types of bullying. Each camper is expected to treat all other campers with respect, and to help each other achieve the best possible experience. If a camper has difficulty meeting this expectation, parents may be called upon to assist.

Our camp counselors will address all incidents of bullying seriously and will promote communication between themselves and their campers. We work together as a team to ensure that campers gain self-confidence, make new friends, and go home with a positive camp experience.

Campers should talk to a counselor or any camp staff member if they are uncomfortable with any experience or need assistance while at camp.

## Discipline Procedures

When a camper does not follow the behavior guidelines, we will take the following action steps as behavior problems progress.

1. Staff will redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior.
2. If inappropriate behavior continues, the camper will be reminded of behavior guidelines and camp rules, and the camper will be asked to decide on action steps to correct his/her behavior.
3. If a child's behavior does not improve, the camper will be dismissed from the current week's camp.
4. If a child's behavior still does not meet expectations and is affecting the experience of other campers, as a final action step the camper may be dismissed from camp altogether.

Camper fees are non-refundable if a camper is sent home for disciplinary reasons. *Extreme physical violence toward another camper or staff member will result in immediate dismissal from Camp Horizons.*

Please take the time to explain the expectations of camp behavior to your child.

Parents, please sign below, AND have your child sign the bottom of the contract. By signing this contract you and your child are acknowledging that they have read, understand and will abide by the rules previously outlined.

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Parent Signature

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Today's Date

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Camper's Name (Please print)

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Camper's Signature

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Today's Date