

Camp “Expectations”

Our counselors review our camp expectations with our campers at the beginning of each camp week. This is to ensure a safe, positive, and happy camp environment.

BEHAVIORAL POLICY:

AMOS Camps emphasizes a safe, fun, and healthy camp environment that foster learning and friendship, and appropriate camp behavior is essential to a great overall experience for everyone involved. It is imperative that every camper feels included, safe, and part of our camp community.

AMOS Camps reserves the absolute right to dismiss a camper without refund for any behavior deemed by AMOS Camps that (1) threatens or endangers the welfare and/or the safety of any camper, instructor, or any other person involved with the camp, (2) is disruptive to the overall camp environment, which interferes with the beneficial use and enjoyment by campers and staff, or (3) for any form of bullying* of other campers or disrespectful behavior to camp authority.

CAMPER ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY:

Campers are not permitted to use cell phones, personal computers, or any other electronic devices that connect to the internet while at camp except for camp owned computers used for camp purposes. “While at camp” pertains to all times that a camper is on location at camp. If you would like to get in touch with your child during the camp day, please contact our onsite camp counselors. The onsite camp counselor’s contact information (name, phone, and email) will be placed on the Dry Erase board at the sign in location. During the camp week, you may also contact our education director bstockslager@ashevillescience.org or (828)254-7162 x6 to obtain the contact information for the onsite director. Additionally, if your child would like to contact you during the camp day, he/she may contact you through the camp counselor.

PERSONAL PROPERTY POLICY:

Campers may bring personal items/equipment to camp, but AMOS Camps is not responsible or liable for any personal items/equipment that is lost, stolen, left behind, or broken.

“LOST AND FOUND” POLICY:

AMOS Camps is not responsible or liable for any personal items/equipment that is left behind at camp. All “Lost and Found” items/equipment will be held at

camp until the last day of camp. All “Lost and Found” items/equipment that are not picked up at camp by the last day of camp will be discarded.

NUT-AWARE CAMP:

For the safety of our campers, we are a Nut-Aware camp. Please do not send any nut products to camp with your child. While we are a “Nut-Aware” camp, we cannot guarantee a nut-free environment.

***Bullying**

While there will be many various challenges that campers will have to navigate this summer (with help from their counselors), we recognize that bullying continues to be a primary concern that children must deal with. Whether in school, on teams or even at camp, children will engage in behavior at times that causes others to feel excluded, uncomfortable, and even threatened. We want all families to understand that at camp, bullying (whether coming in the form of emotional or physical actions against others) is not acceptable. We prescribe to a “zero tolerance” policy that requires us to address bullying concerns seriously and swiftly, and to take action when confirmed bullying is taking place. At times, the result of bullying at camp will be thoughtful mediation and problem-solving with an adult (counselor, Camper Care staff members, supervisor, etc.) with careful follow-up. At other times, families will be contacted to discuss a more serious issue. And if the situation is grave and has had a major impact on another member of the community, campers may be dismissed. If you are aware of bullying at camp, suspect a situation that could arise that might be “following” your child from home, or if you have specific concerns, we strongly encourage you to raise these issues with our camp staff. We are committed to maintaining a healthy and positive community and will do our very best to protect each and every child in our care.