

NEWPORT JAZZ SUMMER CAMP

Behavior Agreement

At Newport Jazz Summer Camp, we strive to create a caring and supportive community. We want all participants to feel safe, welcomed and accepted. Following and abiding by the rules and guidelines ensures a memorable experience for all. Campers are expected to respect themselves, others and the environment. Inappropriate behavior negatively affects everyone and can compromise safety.

Since the Newport Jazz Summer Camp experience passes so quickly, we try to deal with behavior by setting clear expectations. Everyone will hear the rules which include: respect the staff, respect others in the group, respect the environment; housing, bathrooms; pocket knives are not allowed; any real or toy weapons are not allowed; alcohol, tobacco and drugs are forbidden.

In addition to rules many groups create their own contract, which outlines the behavior expected by group members. The group creates this themselves and sign their word that they will abide by their contract. If a participant breaks the rules, a staff member will speak with the participant and let him/her know how the behavior was unacceptable. We also use a four-strike system of consequences for inappropriate behavior. It is used when a child has gone beyond acceptable limits.

1. Strike One: Camper gets a warning;
2. Strike Two: Camper sits out of a session and has a disciplinary meeting with the camp Director;
3. Strike Three: The Director calls home to communicate the camper's behavior. Parent speaks with the camper;
4. Strike Four: The parent must pick up the camper.

The severity of the offense may demand an immediate second, third or fourth strike remedy. This progressive discipline system, combined with positive reinforcement, is designed to put behavior decisions in the child's hands. It is meant to give a camper plenty of chances to make good choices. The goal is to change negative behavior in order to prevent anyone from being sent home.

I know that how I act affects the people around me. I have read and understand this behavior agreement. I know that proper behavior is expected of me and that if I act badly, I might be sent home. I pledge that I will follow the rules and treat others with respect and dignity.

Camper's Signature

Print Name

I have read and understand this behavior agreement. I understand that proper behavior is expected and that inappropriate behavior could potentially lead to my child being sent home and that no refund will be given. I understand that in addition to not following rules, a child may be sent home if they are acting or talking about acting in a way that is physically or emotionally unsafe to themselves or others. I understand that Newport Jazz Summer Camp and Salve Regina University campus reserve the right to deny access to children who have been disruptive in the past or sent home because of behavior issues. I have discussed this behavior agreement with my child and have impressed upon him/her the importance of following the rules and behaving appropriately.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date