



Camp Values & Participant & Parent Code of Conduct



Please review both Participant Code of Conduct and the Camp Values below with your child.

CAMP VALUES

1. All camps through Ernie Miller Nature Center uphold five values:
 - **Safety** - Following safety rules and procedures. Caring for self and others' physical and emotional safety.
 - **Stewardship** - Caring for camp and park resources.
 - **Citizenship** - Obeying laws and camp rules. Showing respect for leaders and other authority figures.
 - **Sportsmanship** – Demonstrating appropriate behavior during and/or after games.
 - **Friendship** - Respecting other campers and their property.
2. All behavior is expected to be representative of these values. Each camper is to take responsibility for his/her own actions. We reserve the right to remove a child from camp who is unable to control his or her behavior in an appropriate manner. Parents will be notified if misbehavior occurs.
3. The camps at Ernie Miller are concerned with the physical and emotional well-being of each camper. Therefore, bullying will not be tolerated.
4. Possession of weapons is prohibited, including pocketknives. Statements by anyone that threaten violent action or possession of weapons will be regarded as real and may be grounds for expulsion. Violent play, including the use of toys, sticks, rocks, etc. as weapons, gesturing in aggressive manners, and depicting violence in drawings or any other expressive form will not be allowed.

PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in the program is a privilege not a right. The ability of each participant to consistently practice positive life skills is essential to on-going enrollment. The following set of non-negotiable standards for participation is designed to allow participants to self-regulate behavior. These are reasonable expectations for any child participating in a group care setting. The actions of each individual influence the quality of participation for the entire group. Our goal is to facilitate successful participation for each child through the joint understanding, support, and practice of these positive life skills.

- **Respect the right of others to courtesy and personal space.**
- **Manage anger in appropriate ways.**
- **Respect and respond to adult authority.**
- **Accept differences among the group.**
- **Accept responsibility for own actions.**

Discriminatory statements or behaviors that are based on race, religion, disability, sex or gender will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or termination from the program.

PARENT CONDUCT

Parents must demonstrate civility, self-control, and socially acceptable behavior when interacting with program employees, participants, and their families. Profanity, threats, insults, harassment, suggestive remarks, intimidation, physical crowding, and/or contact will not be tolerated. Kansas state law prohibits parents from disciplining and/or reprimanding program participants. Failure to observe appropriate conduct will result in immediate and permanent termination of childcare.

The Park and Recreation District strives to make each of your participants fun-filled, rewarding, and educational. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We trust you will have an enjoyable experience with the Johnson County Park & Recreation District.