



## Protocols for Camper Agreement Violations

### First Violation:

More often than not, this is a failure to keep our hands and body parts to ourselves. Kids will be kids, and often, during free time, play, and occasionally during organized games, a camper may tag or push too hard. In this instance, the Camp Director will remind the campers involved of the Camper Agreement to be respectful and treat each other kindly. The Camp Director will often ask the hurt camper if they believe their injury was intentional or an accident. More often than not, they agree that it was not malicious in intent. The Camp Director checks to see if anyone needs a break, bandaid, or ice pack and then returns them to the activity, encouraging them to avoid anyone they may not enjoy being around. This is a freedom and right they are all made aware that they have.

If the camp staff witness an altercation that begins to escalate to a physical one, the Camp Director will intervene and give a break to one or both campers. Depending on the severity of the interaction, the aggressor will be excused from the remainder of the activity, lose some free time, or have the privilege to participate in Chicken Chores revoked for the day.

Straying from the group, actively hiding from the camp leaders, or holding up the group by not following instructions the first time given is a safety concern that will result in the same consequences as a violation of the camper agreements (excused from the remainder of the activity, lose some free time or the privilege to participate in Chicken Chores revoked).

Parents are often not made aware of these minor violations as they are thought of as just that, minor. Typically, it only happens a handful of times as campers learn their new boundaries and consequences. This is expected.

### Continued Violation of the Camper Agreements:

If a camper's actions injure another camper, camp staff, animal, or property (repeated violation of the Respect Agreement), a conversation will be had with the camper's



guardian either at pickup or via email. This is an appeal to the guardian to reiterate the Camper Agreements with the camper, understanding that privileges like free time and Chicken Chores may be withheld if the behavior does not improve.

Inappropriate conversations and/or profanity of any type are considered a larger violation of the Respect Agreement and will not be tolerated. Instructions to choose a different, more appropriate topic will happen only once. A second offense, especially with the intent to be funny or willfully defiant, will result in the camper being immediately pulled from the activity. Furthermore, a guardian will be made aware of the inappropriate behavior, words, or actions with the expectation that a larger conversation be had with the camper about what is and is not appropriate at Camp Wild.

This camp is upheld as a safe space for kids to be kids. Conversations should never tip into the realm of dating, sex, or sexual acts/activities, or even to a camper's genital and bodily functions. I respect a parent's right to address these topics with their camper when and how they see fit to do so. It is not my intention to expose campers to "new content" that is not related to science and nature. Occasionally reproduction does come up when discussing nature and is handled in a scientific manner and explained in terms of exchanging genetic material or DNA. The Camp Director is happy to discuss what this entails so that parents/guardians can feel confident and comfortable with the summer camp content.

**In the event that a camper is a repeat offender and determined to be willfully defiant of the camper agreements throughout the entire week, particularly those that put other campers and animals at risk or threaten the integrity of Camp Wild, and SCT, the Camp Director reserves the right to ask the family of that camper to not return for any remaining weeks of camp they may be registered for with NO refund since those weeks and spaces may not be able to be filled.**

Please feel free to contact the Camp Director ([charlee@sctlandtrust.org](mailto:charlee@sctlandtrust.org)) for any questions, clarifications, or concerns.