

Roswell Budokan/Aikido Association Atlanta

Summer Enrichment Camps 2010

Camper Guidelines & Expectations Policy

Our goal is that every camp be an enjoyable, successful adventure for all campers. To facilitate this goal, please explain the following Camper Guidelines & Expectations to your child(ren).

- **Respect** is a long entrenched tradition in the Martial Arts. Campers are expected to treat their Group Leaders, Team Leaders, Enrichment Teachers, other adults, and fellow campers with respect.
- **Keep you hands to yourself.**
- **Please walk** inside the dojo.
- **Listen and be prepared to follow directions.**
- **Drink water.** Water re-hydrates without sugar – which is optimum for children.
- **Use language that is acceptable to all ages.** We have many young children attending camp. We insist that all campers use G-rated language.

When Campers are not meeting expectations:

We fully believe that every camper should be given the benefit of the doubt when having a bad day. In other words, we do not judge a child based on one lapse of appropriate behavior. However, when campers consistently have difficulty meeting Camper Guidelines & Expectations, the following actions will be taken.

1. **Reminders/feedback:** Camp Team and Group Leaders continually help campers remember what is expected of them. We verbally encourage and support good choices and self-correcting behavior. Leaders will also discuss repercussions for on-going unacceptable behavior.
2. **Time Out to Reflect:** Any camper who repeatedly does not meet behavioral expectations will be removed from the group and allowed an age appropriate amount of time to reflect on behavioral choices. Once the child agrees to making good choices and is in a calm frame of mind, the camper will rejoin his/her group.
3. **Camp Manager/Assistant Manager Counseling:** On-going unacceptable or dangerous behavior warrants immediate attention from the Camp Manager, Belinda Fitzpatrick, or Assistant Manager, Brenda Mitchell, and may culminate in the camper being removed from camp activities for the remainder of the day.
4. **Face-to-Face Conferences:** If camper behavior continues to disrupt camp activities, the camper's parents and camper will meet with the Camp Manager and/or Assistant Manager to determine appropriate actions. The goal will be to help the camper choose behaviors that are acceptable and will end in a successful camp experience. The camper will agree to the solutions determined during the meeting. A behavioral contract may or may not be written at this time.
5. **Expulsion from Camp:** If a camper continues to exhibit behavior that is non-compliant, extremely disruptive, or dangerous to self or others, the Camp Manager and/or Assistant Manager reserve the right to expel this camper. To date, no camper has ever been expelled.

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If you have any questions about the Guidelines & Expectations policy, please contact Camp Manager, Belinda Fitzpatrick, or Assistant Manager, Brenda Mitchell, at 770-649-8383.