



Camp Can-Aqua Behaviour Expectations

Camp Can-Aqua is committed to providing safe, fun and memorable experiences to all our campers. This goal is achieved through behavioral expectations we have established for all members within our community. The single most significant element to a positive camp experience is the peer interactions within the camper community. Please help to ensure our community's success by reviewing the following information with your camper(s) prior to arrival at camp.

Can-Aqua is committed to ensuring an inclusive and positive environment for all our campers. We strive to support the individual needs of each child within the context of our operational structure. The program at Camp Can-Aqua is one where campers are provided the freedom to control much of their day. As a result of this independence, it is essential that they are able to independently move throughout the camp and function successfully within their peer group. Camp Can-Aqua does not provide special continuous, prolonged one on one staff support to campers.

In an instance where a camper behaves in a way that compromises our ability to provide safe, fun and positive experiences to all campers, or in a manner which is inconsistent with the expectations listed below, your child may be required to leave camp.

It is an expectation that all parents and campers are aware of the following:

1. Any camper or leadership candidate that is found in possession of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping devices, or any drugs or alcohol will be sent home. The use of drugs, alcohol, smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited.
2. Any camper or leadership candidate that brings weapons to camp that are deemed by our staff team to be threatening or dangerous will be sent home.
3. Campers that deliberately try to lessen the enjoyment of camp for another camper will be spoken to by the camp director or an appointee. If the behavior is not corrected, they will be sent home.
4. Any campers or leadership candidates who engage in acts of self-harm or discussions pertaining to self-harm will be sent home.

In the event that any camper is found with or taking part in any of the items listed above, there is no refund or credit on their camp fees.

As a member of the Camp Can-Aqua Community, it is expected that everyone follow the following Behavioural Expectations. In the event that any of these are broken, a camper or leadership candidate MAY be sent home. In this instance, no refund or credit will be applied to camp fees.

- Aggressive or inappropriate behavior such as bullying, teasing, harassment or pranking is not tolerated at Can-Aqua.
- Swearing and the use of distasteful/inappropriate language is not acceptable at camp (this includes discussions that are sexually explicit in nature).
- Vandalism, tagging, graffiti, or damage to the camp property is not allowed. This includes but is not limited to damage to cabins, program areas, equipment, outdoor furniture, washrooms and any buildings on the property. Campers will be billed for any damages caused.
- In order to ensure the safety of all, insubordination of camp rules will not be tolerated.
- Theft or the borrowing of items without permission is not allowed.
- The tampering of fire equipment or any other safety devices is prohibited. This includes smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in all buildings.
- Cell phones or electronics are not allowed at camp by campers what so ever.
- Campers and leadership candidates are not allowed in other cabins. Visits to friends in other cabins must be done outdoors or in public buildings.



The Camper Code of Conduct

As a camper or leadership candidate of Camp Can-Aqua, I will...

1. Respect myself, others and the environment.
 - a. Respect Myself: I will ensure I engage in proper hygiene, sun safety, dress appropriately and stay hydrated.
 - b. Respect others: I will treat my cabin mates and fellow campers with respect and will be supportive of their efforts. I will be courteous and respectful to camp staff
 - c. Respect the Environment: I will play an active role in supporting environmental stewardship.
2. Advocate for myself when I feel unsafe, or when something is unfair or unpleasant. I will do this by speaking to a staff member.
3. Cooperate with staff and follow their instruction
4. Wear sunscreen and practice proper sun safety by wearing a hat, staying hydrated and staying out of direct sun when possible.
5. Wear my lifejacket any time I am on the water and outside the swimming area (this includes any time that I am swimming on trip)
6. Keep my bunk and belongings organized and help to keep my cabin clean.
7. Maintain good hygiene by brushing my teeth and changing my clothes regularly, and shower during my cabins scheduled shower timeframe.

As a camper or leadership candidate of Camp Can-Aqua, I will NOT...

1. Willfully hurt, harm or negatively impact another camper
2. Use foul or offensive language
3. Go into other camper cabins for any reason
4. Be in possession of a cell phone or electronic device while at camp

In the event that a camper or leadership candidate is not supporting the camper code of conduct, the following actions may occur:

- a. Their behaviour will be addressed in a discussion with your counsellor.
- b. They may be asked to have a meeting with their section head or camp director
- c. They may be asked to sit out of programs and events or take part in a specific consequence fitting to the issue of concern.
- d. In the event that the behaviour has negativity effected camp or the community of campers/staff, they may be sent home early.