

Dumont Summer Recreation Camp – Conduct/Discipline

Philosophy:

The Dumont Board of Recreation Commission believes that effectiveness of the summer camp program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of the campers.

The Dumont Board of Recreation Commission expects campers to conduct themselves in keeping with their level of maturity, with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other campers, for camp personnel, for park security and for the care of borough park facilities and camp equipment.

The Dumont Board of Recreation Commission believes the standards of camper behavior must be set cooperatively by interaction among the campers, parents/guardians, staff and community, producing an atmosphere that encourages the campers to grow in self-discipline. Such an atmosphere must include respect for self and others, as well as for the borough and camp property.

The best discipline is self-imposed and campers must learn to assume and accept responsibility for their own behavior, and for the consequences of their misbehavior. Staff members who interact with campers shall use preventive disciplinary action and place emphasis on the campers' ability to grow in self-discipline.

Procedures:

These regulations shall require that campers conform to reasonable standards of socially acceptable behavior; respect the person, property and rights of others; obey constituted authority and respond to those who hold that authority. Disruptive campers shall be afforded procedural due process and shall be given opportunities to continue with the camp environment until the behavior affects the rights of other campers. At that time, parents/guardians should be advised and routine disciplinary procedures followed.

A camper whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or an ongoing threat of disrupting the camp will be removed from camp and asked not to return. The Board of Recreation Commission expects campers to treat each other with civility and respect, and will not tolerate acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying or hazing. Like other disruptive or violent behaviors, this conduct interferes with the camps ability to offer all of it's campers a safe environment. There will be no refunds of any camp fees.

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