

University of South Carolina Minors Programs Participant Code of Conduct

We are committed to providing a safe, enjoyable, and respectful environment for everyone. To maintain this environment, our youth participants are expected to follow the code of conduct below, and to raise concerns about situations at program that may make them feel unsafe or that may not feel “right”. Program staff are committed to listening and helping navigate these situations or circumstances at program.

As a participant in _____

I will:

1. Abide by the program’s policies and procedures.
2. Demonstrate respect in my speech and actions for all people, facilities, nature, and program rules.
3. Not possess or use prohibited items, including alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, vaping products, illegal drugs, prescription or non-prescription drugs, weapons, or related paraphernalia.
4. Be responsible for my belongings and agree to allow searches of my possessions—in my presence—if suspicion arises of banned substances or theft.
5. Keep my hands to myself and not engage in physical violence, play fighting, or pranks.
6. Refrain from intimate relationships with other program participants and report inappropriate behavior to staff. Examples include:
 - a. Jokes, comments, or gestures of a sexual nature
 - b. Indecent exposure of private body parts
 - c. Any sexual activity, or unwelcome physical conduct or contact
 - d. Possession, or sharing, of sexually explicit materials
 - e. Harassment, teasing, or hazing
7. Not use inappropriate language, gossip, threats, teasing, exclusion, or harassment.
8. Not engage in unsafe or harmful behaviors towards me and others, including self-harm.
9. Abide by the program’s Social Networking Policy and technology use policy.
10. Not engage in any outside communication with staff members and notify my parent(s)/guardian(s) of any such outside communication.
11. Maintain proper nutrition and hydration while at the program and inform staff of any health concerns.
12. Speak up if I have questions or concerns about any behavior or situations I witness or am a part of at the program.

After reviewing this participant code of conduct, I understand that if I violate it, or any of the program rules, I will have to take responsibility for my actions and their consequences. If in violation, my parent(s)/guardian(s) may be notified. I understand that I may be sent home at my own or my parent(s)/guardian(s) expense without any refund. I also understand that I may be suspended from future program activities or seasons.

Participant Name _____

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____