



## **ODC Network's Summer Camp Behavior Policy:**

The ODC Network is committed to creating a safe environment for all of our campers and staff. We believe that every child has the right to experience camp and all that it has to offer. We believe in setting expectations and explaining the boundaries for all participants. On the first day of camp, our staff will go over the group expectations. Campers have the opportunity to ask questions about rules to ensure that everyone is clear about expectations. When these expectations are not met, we use specific procedures to help the camper to adjust their behavior with the hope of continuing a positive experience at camp.

ODC camp staff are trained to minimize physical and emotional harm for campers. Behaviors that cause physical or emotional harm to campers or camp staff will not be tolerated. Such behaviors may include, but are not limited to:

- Leaving the camp group without permission (running away),
- Physical aggression towards staff or other campers (kicking, biting, hitting etc.),
- Verbal aggression towards staff or other campers (cursing, screaming, name calling, bullying, inappropriate language or comments, etc.),
- Aggressive or disrespectful behavior towards any animal at the ODC.

If these behaviors are exhibited, the ODC camp staff are trained to assess the severity of the incident and respond appropriately. Continued behaviors may result in contacting parents for immediate pick up, or a camper no longer being permitted to return to camp. It is up to the ODC's discretion whether a camper can remain at camp or when they may be allowed to return if sent home for behavior issues.