

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS AT CAMP

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

We believe all children have a powerful urge and curiosity to learn about themselves and the world around them. The best opportunities for learning come from socialization, exploration and discovery. We also understand that it is normal for this population of children to sometimes be shy, have difficulty initiating interaction with the group, etc. Whereas we will be working on improving such social skills while at camp, it is necessary to be clear about the behavioral expectations for each camper while in the program- Expressions at George School.

It is our goal to do as much as possible to ensure your child will have a safe and fun time at camp. Safety and fun includes both physical and emotional safety. Our staff has been trained to handle interpersonal conflicts as they arise. We will not call home with each and every interaction that may occur at camp. We will first spend time processing the situation with the child (or children) and seek resolution to each situation. Interactions such as those described will undoubtedly occur and are a normal part of kids learning how to manage real life social situations.

We will make behavioral expectations clear to all campers. We will also continually remind them of appropriate social behavior. We have prepared a tip sheet for you to go over with your child prior to the start of camp. We would greatly appreciate the positive support from home, as together, we seek to help your child further develop in this area of life.

Campers will do well in this program when they are not physically or verbally aggressive. While minor outbursts may result in frustration and hurt feelings, extended and consistent aggressive behavior cannot be managed in this program. Children whose behaviors cannot be redirected will be better served in a different type of program. It is our job to maintain an atmosphere of safety for all campers. Possible consequences for repeated behavior could include suspension or expulsion from camp.

This program offers a variety of scheduled activities that will benefit the child's growth while providing them the opportunity to have fun. We understand that some children may not be as physically active or advanced as others. However, we will encourage campers to participate in all scheduled activities. Children who continuously refuse to participate and who do not respond to our modifications and accommodations may not be best suited for this camp.

By signing this form, you are stating that you believe your child is appropriate for this camp and that you will work in coordination with, and in support of, the staff who will be working closely with your child. The family and camp goals should be the same: to provide your child with a summer program filled with diverse activities, enriching social stimulation and learning opportunity in a caring and supportive atmosphere.

This form is part of the formal application process for admission into Expressions at George School. All of the materials will be carefully reviewed and considered.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____