

NC State welcomes youth to participate in a wide range of activities, programs, camps and events offered by various academic or administrative units operated on or off campus. Serving the community and state through youth programming is integral to our mission and tradition of service as a land-grant institution. NC State University is committed to supporting a safe environment for minors on campus as well as the employees and volunteers who host them. Before participating in a program or activity, please review these Participant Behavioral Expectations. This form must be signed by both the participant and a parent/legal guardian.

In the event that a participant must be removed from the program due to a violation of the Participant Behavioral Expectations, it is expected that a parent or guardian will promptly pick up the participant. No refund will be issued under such circumstances.

### **Participant Behavioral Expectations**

I understand that my attitude and behavior play a pivotal role in the success of our program experience. To ensure the well-being and satisfaction of the entire program community, I willingly agree to adhere to the following commitments.

**Respect for People and Places** I commit to being considerate and sensitive to the needs of all fellow program participants and facilitators. I will extend this respect to the staff, recognizing their role in ensuring that all students adhere to the program rules for the safety and well-being of everyone involved. I will ensure that I follow instructions and directions given to me by the program.

**Respect for Equipment and Spaces:** I will take care of the equipment and materials provided to me and actively participate in keeping our spaces neat and tidy. I will respect property and not use items for destructive purposes. I accept financial responsibility for any loss or damage.

**Punctuality and Full Participation:** I am committed to being punctual for all program activities, meals, sessions, and other scheduled events. Additionally, I pledge to be an active participant and attend activities as outlined for my time at the program.

**Safety and Accountability:** I will keep my counselors informed of my whereabouts at all times and understand that receiving visitors or leaving without prior approval is not permitted. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I do not have free rein on NC State's campus and will adhere to staff instructions regarding my whereabouts. I will adhere to all safety protocols as stated by the Program staff.

**Personal Responsibility:** I will take responsibility for my personal belongings and will not hold NC State University responsible for any loss or damage to my possessions.

**Appropriate Dress:** I will ensure that I dress appropriately for program activities, respecting the expectations and dress code set forth for a professional and safe program environment.

**Social Media Boundaries:** I understand that my counselors, instructors, and other staff members are not permitted to connect with me on social media platforms such as X, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, Discord, online gaming or any other form of social media. Additionally, I will not take pictures of participants or post them without their permission.

**Curfew:** If I attend an overnight program, I will be respectful of the quiet hours, keep noise to a minimal level as a courtesy to other residents, and I will not enter a room or building that I am not assigned to. I will remain in my assigned room after lights out.

**Responsible Device Usage:** I will not use earbuds, headphones, laptops, or handheld devices during program sessions or presentations without prior permission from program staff.

**Wheeled Items:** I will not ride skateboards, scooters, roller blades, bikes, hoverboards, longboards, etc. during the program without prior permission from program staff.

**Camper Sickness:** I acknowledge that if I feel unwell before the program, I will stay home. If I begin feeling unwell during the program, I will alert program staff.

**Program Expectations:** I acknowledge that there are consequences if I do not meet program expectations. This can include but isn't limited to staff giving a verbal or written warning, a corrective action plan, or immediate suspension or termination. Incidents may be documented and reviewed by appropriate leadership.

**Zero Tolerance for Inappropriate Behavior:** I acknowledge that any form of physical, emotional or verbal abuse, harassment, inappropriate or intimate contact, or violent behavior will not be tolerated. I will not use language or behave in a manner that is obscene, violent, or racially or sexually inappropriate. These actions may result in immediate consequences, including but not limited to, expulsion from the program without any possibility of a refund.

**Consequences of Major Offenses:** In the event of my misconduct, I understand that the staff will engage in discussions with my parents or guardian, as well as the administration of NC State University, to address and resolve the issue. I am aware that major offenses, including but not limited to bullying, harassing or using derogatory language towards another person or group of people, absences or failure to meet agreed upon program requirements, violation of a University code, policy, or regulation, recording or sharing program related information outside the scope of the program, the use of tobacco products, illegal drugs, illicit materials, alcohol, and/or weapons as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §14-269.2 may result in immediate consequences, including but not limited to, expulsion from the program and may also involve potential legal consequences.

**Financial Responsibility for Misconduct:** If I am sent home early from a program due to any form of misconduct, I understand that any associated expenses will be the responsibility of myself and/or my parent(s) or guardian(s).

**Promoting Safety:** I pledge to promptly report any instances of unsafe or inappropriate behavior to my counselors or lead staff members.

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:** I understand and agree to abide by the program's behavioral expectations and/or the above-stated responsibilities during my time participating in the program.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREEMENT:** I understand that my child must abide by the program's behavioral expectations. I understand that dismissed participants will not be eligible for a refund.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_