

MarineQuest Participant Code of Conduct

To ensure that everyone has a positive experience while participating in a program located at facilities of the University of North Carolina Wilmington (“UNCW”), students attending the Program are expected to behave in a disciplined, responsible, and respectful manner when on or off the UNCW campus. Failure to follow these rules and regulations will subject the campers to immediate disciplinary action as described more fully below.

As a condition of the Student’s participation, both Parents and Students must agree that neither UNCW (nor the instructors, staff members, resident assistants and desk staff) are guarantors of the safety of the Students, particularly for the Students’ unsupervised time, and instances where the Students fail to follow applicable rules and regulations.

Parents, please read these rules (with your child), sign the bottom, and return the form.

Students will:

- respect Program staff requests and follow all of their directions with a positive attitude;
- respect all safety guidelines required by Program staff and UNCW;
- wear appropriate clothing and closed-toes shoes during all field activities;
- respect the differences in other people, make an effort to include everyone, and not behave in a manner that may hurt another camper or staff member’s feelings;
- pick-up after myself (at all locations including bathrooms) and throw all trash away;
- respect other people’s personal property;
- treat all animals (invertebrate and vertebrate) and their environments with respect;
- respect all UNCW property including equipment, boats, buildings and the campus;
- be respectful of UNCW students and staff when in university buildings;
- let my Program counselor know if I am not having a good time;
- immediately bring disagreements to the attention of Program staff;
- behave in an age-appropriate manner and have fun while remaining safe to others and myself;

Students will not:

- fight with other participants using any part of their body, gestures or words;
- go anywhere without the permission and accompaniment of instructors;
- go into water above knee-level unless given permission while in a lifeguard’s presence
- use derogatory terms or offensive language *at any time*;
- tease or bully other participants;
- bring inappropriate items to programs (weapons, drugs, cigarettes, R-rated materials, etc)
- bring electronic equipment [*if you chose to bring a cell phone, it must be on silent and remain put away in your backpack during the program; MarineQuest will not be responsible for any water related or other damage(s) that may occur*]

Parents will not:

- interact with Program staff in a threatening/abusive manner at any time (in person or on the phone) or they will risk their child’s dismissal from the Program without tuition/fee refund.
- interact with other parents in a threatening/abusive manner while attending the program or on site

I acknowledge (with my signature below) that if the Student Code of Conduct is not adhered to by myself or my child:

First offense – student will be given a verbal warning explaining the expected behavior (***unless the offense involves a violation of the MarineQuest Zero Tolerance Policy for which student will be immediately dismissed***)

Second offense - student will be removed from the activity and my parent(s) will be called to discuss my behavior.

Third offense – student’s parent(s) will be called notifying them of my dismissal from program.

Additional information about the MarineQuest Zero Tolerance Policy can be requested by calling 910-962-2640.

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature _____

Date _____

Student’s Signature _____

Date _____

(student signature is required to acknowledge they have reviewed Code of Conduct with parent and will adhere to it)