



## MARINEQUEST STANDARD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure that everyone has a positive experience while participating in a MarineQuest 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 students to immediate disciplinary action as described more fully below.

**As a condition of the student’s participation, both parents/guardians 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.**

Students will:

- Respect Program staff requests and follow all of their directions with a positive attitude.
- Respect all safety guidelines required by Program staff including prescribed locations and boundaries.
- Respect all program changes made based on weather or safety related considerations.
- Wear appropriate clothing and closed-toes shoes during all field activities.
- Respect the differences in other people and make an effort to include everyone.
- Pick-up after themselves (at all locations) and throw all trash away.
- Respect other people’s personal property and privacy.
- Respect others personal space.
- 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 their Program staff know if they are not having a good time.
- Immediately bring disagreements to Program staff.
- Behave in an age-appropriate manner.
- Dress in a manner consistent with the MarineQuest dress code.

Students will in consideration of public health safety:

- Comply with the MarineQuest illness policy and stay home if they are not feeling well.
- Comply with UNCW COVID-19 policies, [UNCW Best for the Nest](#).
- Comply with need to be excused from program and return to guardian’s care.
- Wash hands or use viral disinfectant at every appropriate opportunity (entering/exiting buildings, handling equipment, etc.) and when directed by Program staff.
- Adhere to hygienic bathroom and restroom protocols.
- Adhere to all cleaning protocols related to the individual use of space and some equipment (Program staff responsible for hygiene will manage the overall cleaning and disinfecting of equipment).
- Comply with Program “non-shared” policies related to personal belongings (i.e. backpacks, food, water bottles, sunscreen etc.).

Students will not:

- Fight, tease or bully other students using any part of their body, gestures or words.
- Behave in a manner that may hurt another student or staff member’s feelings.
- Put themselves, other students or Program staff at risk.
- Go anywhere without the permission and accompaniment of Program staff.
- Go into water above knee-level unless given permission while in a lifeguard’s presence and wearing appropriate flotation device.
- Use derogatory terms or offensive language at any time.
- Bring inappropriate items to Program (weapons, drugs, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, R-rated materials, binoculars, etc.).
- Alter, damage, destroy, and/or deface the MarineQuest brand and/or logo (including, but not limited to, tee-shirts, posters, and signs).
- Open windows or prop open locked doors in any buildings.
- Bring any type of electronic equipment that is prohibited, which include: smart watches, cell phones, tablets, laptops, and DVD players.
- Have a personal cell phone in their possession at any time during camp for any reason (MarineQuest phones are available to call home).
- In any way encourage others to violate the code of conduct.

Parents will:

- Provide **all necessary** information about your child to ensure a safe and positive program experience for all participants and to help MarineQuest staff prepare the best way to support your child (this might include, but is not limited to gender identity, differences in learning and/or physical abilities or behavioral challenges).
- Review the Student Code of Conduct with their child prior to arrival at the Program.

Parents will in consideration of public health safety:

- Adhere to pick and drop off policies as established by Program.
- Adhere to Program "non-shared" policies related to student's belongings (i.e. backpacks, food, water bottles, sunscreen etc.).
- Maintain appropriate social distancing.
- Comply with MarineQuest illness policy and keep child home if they are not feeling well.
- Comply with UNCW COVID-19 policies, [UNCW Best for the Nest](#).
- Comply with need for child to be excused due to COVID-19 symptoms or other health complaints during the Program and make arrangements to immediately receive child back into your care if need arises.
- Will encourage and remind your child to follow healthy safety protocols while in attendance at MarineQuest (i.e. wear mask if necessary, wash hands, etc.).

Parents will not:

- Interact with Program staff in a threatening/abusive manner at any time (in person or on the phone) or their child will be dismissed from the Program without tuition/fee refund.
- Interact with other participants or their parents in a threatening/abusive manner at any time (in person or on the phone) or their child will be dismissed from the Program without tuition/fee refund.

*I understand and acknowledge that if I choose not to follow the Student Code of Conduct that on my:*

First offense - I will be given a verbal warning explaining the expected behavior;

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

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

Furthermore, I understand that MarineQuest has a **zero-tolerance policy** for some actions, including the refusal to wear a face mask if required by MarineQuest staff. In these cases, students will be immediately dismissed and will not receive a program refund.

The zero-tolerance policy can be reviewed in the [Policies and Procedures](#).