

**NEW BERN RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BERN BEAR BUNCH DAY CAMP
DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of the behavior management of children. When children receive positive, non-violent, and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop good self-concepts, problem-solving abilities, and self-discipline. Based on this belief of how children learn and develop values, this center will practice the following discipline and behavior management policy:

WE

1. DO praise, reward and encourage the children.
2. DO reason with and set limits for the children.
3. DO model appropriate behavior for the children.
4. DO modify the classroom environment to attempt to prevent problems before they occur.
5. DO listen to the children.
6. DO provide alternatives for inappropriate behavior to the children.
7. DO provide the children with natural and logical consequences of their behaviors.
8. DO treat the children as people and respect their needs, desires and feelings.
9. DO ignore minor misbehaviors.
10. DO explain things to the children on their levels.
11. DO use short supervised periods of "time-out".
12. DO stay consistent in our behavior

management program.

WE

1. DO NOT spank, bite, pinch, push, pull, slap or otherwise physically punish the children.
2. DO NOT make fun of, yell at, threaten, make sarcastic remarks about, use profanity or otherwise verbally abuse the children.
3. DO NOT shame or punish the children when bathroom accidents occur.
4. DO NOT deny food or rest as punishment.
5. DO NOT relate discipline to eating, resting or sleeping.
6. DO NOT leave the children alone, unattended or without supervision.
7. DO NOT place the children in locked rooms, closets or boxes as punishment.
8. DO NOT allow discipline of children by children.
9. DO NOT criticize, make fun of, or otherwise belittle children's parents, families, or ethnic groups.

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PLEASE COMPLETE FORM ON OTHER SIDE

-Discipline and Behavior Management Policy Continued-

RULES OF DISCIPLINE

In order to provide a safe environment for all children, we have to have a few rules.

1. No unruly behavior.
2. No abusive or foul language.
3. Respect for property, equipment and grounds.
4. Respect for Camp Leaders and each other.

If these rules are ignored:	1st time	-	Behavior will be discussed with the child.
	2nd time	-	Parents will be notified by a note or phone call.
	3rd time	-	The child will have to stay home the next day.

If unacceptable behavior persists, the child will not be allowed to return to camp. Any severe offense is automatically grounds for immediate removal from camp. **(NO REFUND)**

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____
_____ (child's full name), do hereby state that I have read and received a copy of the center's Discipline and Behavior Management Policy and I understand the policy and I agree to abide by the set policy.

Date of Child's Enrollment: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Distribution: One copy to Parent(s); Signed copy in Child's Center Record