



Park Point Community Club

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WELCOME TO THE PARK POINT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM (PPSYP)

PEACE IN THE PARKS COMMITMENT

The Park Point Summer Youth Program (PPSYP) is deeply committed to providing a diverse, inclusive and respectful environment in the park and in our programs. PPSYP is committed to preventing bullying and harassment in our community and expect all program participants to sign our Peace in the Parks pledge.

OBJECTIVE: To provide a safe and peaceful environment for all park users.

DEFINITION- Abuse and harassment include any physical, mental, emotional or psychological violation of the boundaries of others. This includes, but is not limited to: Physical harassment – Sexual harassment - Religious harassment -Racial harassment -Taunting, Intimidation and Stalking - Verbal abuse, including name calling and swearing -Lack of sensitivity, courtesy, respect, “Good Sportsmanship” and decency.

PROGRAM Expectations:

We use inside voices indoors...We use outside voices outdoors

We walk indoors...We run outdoors

We treat each other with respect and kindness

We share instead of fight

We listen when others speak

We do not play during meal or snack time

We respect the property of others

We do not play in the bathrooms or hallways

We keep our hands and feet to ourselves

We do not use foul or hurtful language

BEHAVIOR GUIDANCE

We believe that a warm, positive, supportive environment and an appropriate physical environment provide the best program for children. However, no child whose behavior threatens the safety of other children, volunteers or Program Director and Assistant (contractors) will be allowed to stay in PPSYP. Our behavior guidance policies are as follows:

1. Implementation of an appropriate physical and emotional environment to lessen possible conflicts; contractor model expected behavior.
2. The Program Director and Assistant plan and implement developmentally appropriate activities allowing children to participate actively at their own rate, creating a positive environment for the children.
3. Contractors will reinforce positive behavior.
4. Contractors will redirect children to constructive behavior.
5. Contractors will talk to the children and use problem solving techniques
6. No physical punishment, shaming, or isolation is used for discipline reasons.
8. If inappropriate behavior begins, a warning will be given and the parent notified.
9. If the inappropriate behavior continues, a conference held (with parent/guardian, contractor), and a plan formulated to help the child meet with success at PPSYP.
9. If problems are not resolved, program participation will be suspended for one (1) day to three (3) days.

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10. After suspension, if the same pattern of misbehavior continues, the parent, contractors and PPSYP committee will discuss if participation may continue for the remainder of the summer.

The contractor is required by Minnesota State Law to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to authorities.

CAUSE FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL from the Summer Youth Program

PPSYP Contractors, Youth Committee and Parent will hold a conference in the occurrence of the behavior or situation below.

1. A participant's behavior endangers themselves or others.
2. When destruction of park property occurs.
3. When a participant threatens another child and/or an adult in a manner that could result in severe bodily harm.
4. When behavior is consistently disruptive to the entire group and prevents the others from engaging or participating.
5. When a parent fails to comply with our policies or compromises the safety or well being of the contractor.
6. When parent fails to show up for a scheduled meeting to discuss the child's behavior.
7. If parent or guardian physically or verbally abuses another child, parent, volunteer or PPSYP contractor while in the program.
8. If the child leaves the Summer Youth program site without permission.
9. If a parent continuously fails to sign in/out their student from Lafayette Summer Youth Program as this affects the safety of the child.
10. For continued late pick-up by parent or his/her appointed representative
11. Non-compliance with zero tolerance policy.

RELEASE OF CHILDREN

Children will only be released to parents or adults that are authorized on the registration forms. If the parent/guardian is unable to pick up their child, the parent/guardian must leave written permission when the child is dropped off or call to inform the contractor with the name of the person who is authorized to pick the child up. The person will need to show a picture ID before the child will be released.

SIGN-IN AND SIGN OUT - Your cooperation will help to ensure your child's safety

Each day parents or authorized persons are **required** to:

1. Sign-in their children upon arrival. .
2. Sign-out the child/ren and notify the contractor upon departure.
3. Inform the contractor of any necessary information.

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PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CLOTHING

PPSYP cannot be responsible for lost items. Parents will need to label their child’s belongings. If your child brings money or something valuable, it is important that the contractor is informed.

PICTURES AND PUBLICITY

PPSYP may photograph and/or videotape participants of the program. At times we use these on our website and in the Breeze.

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones, tablets, and game devices are not allowed in PPSYP. A phone is available at Lafayette. Should you need to send your child with a cell phone, make sure your child understands that it must be kept in his/her backpack during time while at the program. Cell phones that are not kept in backpacks will be retained by contractor and will be returned to the parent during pick-up. PPSYP is not responsible for broken, lost, or stolen items and will not spend time investigating the whereabouts of lost or stolen items.

DRESSING APPROPRIATELY/PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Children should be adequately dressed for indoor and outdoor activities. A change of dry clothing, jacket in case the wind changes, sun screen, towel are necessary. There is a “lost and found” for parents/guardians to check periodically. The PPSYP is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen items.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The health, safety, and well being of your child/ren is most important to us and for that reason we encourage parent/guardian involvement.

1. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to participate in the program. Parents/guardians may participate at any time; we have an open door policy.
2. Parents/guardians may volunteer to donate treats for snack time.
3. Parents/guardians may volunteer to donate, build, or refurbish equipment.
4. Parents/guardians may volunteer to share a talent with a child i.e. read a story, music, arts or crafts activities, play basketball, etc. We welcome all suggestions.
5. Parents/guardians may volunteer to attend field trips.

STORMY & INCLEMENT WEATHER

PPSYP may close due to bad weather. In case of early dismissal, children will remain at PPSYP until picked up. Please pick up your child(ren) as soon as possible to insure the safety of both children and contractor. Check parkpointcommunityclub.org for a message re: closure or contact the contractor at the phone number provided for such events.

AGREEMENT: By signing this form we, I agree, and give our word, that we will follow the

PPSYP Peace in the Park guidelines, expectations and consequences.

Child _____ Child _____

Parent _____ Grandparent _____

Date _____