

TCODS - Tillamook County Outdoor School

Outdoor School Rules for Adults

(Revised 10/09)

Read through all of the rules. These rules are being given to every adult involved with ODS. Please do NOT be insulted that you are included.

1. Camp staff and counselors are instructed to use the **ABCD steps in discipline**:
 - A. Talk with the student PRIVATELY about the problem.
 - B. If the situation is not resolved, then isolate the student from his/her peer group for about 5 minutes encouraging the student to change behavior/attitude upon arriving back with the peer group.

The teacher should always be notified as soon as is practical that the student has had a time-out and why.

- C. If the unacceptable behavior continues, then the student is removed from an activity and given to the supervision of a staff person to monitor. The student maybe assigned cleaning duties or other appropriate duties. **All of this is subject to the direction of the student's teacher and Moses.** At this level, a behavior contract may be implemented.
- D. If the unacceptable behavior still continues, then and only then will consideration be given to sending a student home and back to school. This decision will be made by the student's teacher, the director, and the student's principal in conjunction with the student's parents.

School principals and parents will be contacted for discipline purposes when appropriate only by the classroom teacher AND the director!

Physical punishment and put-downs are NEVER appropriate!

Encouragement and put-ups are ALWAYS appropriate!

2. Resolve other's conflicts and your own conflicts peacefully, honestly, and privately.
3. Please control your mouth and language at all times. Completely avoid profanity! There are more appropriate ways to demonstrate that you are a mature person.
4. Absolutely NO alcohol, illegal drugs, or firearms are allowed to be brought in or used in camp.
5. No scary or gross stories are to be told to students. Stop others when they attempt telling these types of stories.
6. No person is allowed to smoke in any area 6th grade or high school students use for any activity. Therefore, the only areas designated for smoking are in the adult staff areas outside of the buildings. Do not smoke IN a building that other staff use and never in view of students.
7. Boy Scout rules absolutely forbid anyone to ride in the back of a pickup truck, forbid pets in camp and forbid surfboards to be brought into camp.
8. Wear your name tag at all times, and remind others to do so.

9. **Never** go into the lake or ocean. It doesn't matter that you know how to swim, are an excellent surfer or scuba diver, **DO NOT GO INTO THE LAKE OR OCEAN!** It is not allowed by the owners of the camp!
10. **Never** allow any student to go into the lake or ocean!
11. Perceived sexual harassment or sexual abuse by anyone will immediately be referred to law enforcement!
12. Men are not allowed in girls' cabin areas between 6:00 AM - 7:40 AM, during cabin times, or before 9:15 PM. Women are not allowed in boys' cabin areas between 6:00 AM - 7:40 AM, during cabin times, or before 9:15 PM.

No one should travel alone in areas campers and counselors use outside of the lodge area. Be above reproach!

No one is to do cabin checks alone! No one is to do cabin checks without prior notification/approval of Moses!

13. Wear appropriate clothing as well as enough clothing.
13. Taking of any live marine specimens is prohibited by Oregon state law.
14. Chain of command:

Moses

Teachers - Camp Staff - Yo Staff

Senior Counselors

Counselors

Sixth Graders

15. After-camp contact with anyone below you on the chain of command should be initiated by the other person unless it is in the form of a thank you letter or similar letter. Contact with high school students as well as sixth graders is expected to be of a limited nature, always in the presence of adults or in a public place. After-camp friendships must be above reproach!
16. Have you done some things in your life that were illegal, considered immoral by many in society, or perhaps discouraged by those in authority over you? **Don't share your exploits with others at camp, please!** Especially do not ever share any of those above things with anyone below you in the chain of command. It doesn't make you look more adult in their eyes, and each of us needs to set as a goal to be extraordinary role models to our peers and to others below us in the chain of command!
17. Please, if you have any difficulty with anyone in camp discuss it with the director! Do NOT approach the camp ranger with complaints or suggestions, school bus drivers with complaints, parents with complaints etc. It's best if complaints, suggestions, correction etc. are handled through the director so there is a consistent message going out to others and so that there are no well intended but damaging consequences or misunderstandings.

Thank you for your cooperation!