

## **CAMP POLICIES**

**THIS SECTION MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF CAMPER BEFORE CAMP BEGINS**

### **DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

- Drop-off time is at 9:00 AM.
- Pick-up time is at 3:00 PM.
- Please call at 716-285-3575 + ext. 0 if your child will be late, or absent from camp.

### **BEFORE AND AFTER CARE**

- Early drop-off between 8:00 – 8:45 AM is available for a \$10 fee.
- Late pick-up between 3:00 – 4:00 PM is available for a \$10 fee.
- After 4:00 PM, a service fee of \$10 plus an additional \$15 per 15 minutes may be assessed for late pick-up.

### **LUNCH, WATER, SNACKS**

- Campers will need to pack a lunch, snack, and a refillable water bottle each day. Counselors will provide additional snack and water refills.

### **WHAT TO WEAR**

- Prepare for wet or dry nature exploration.
- Summer Camps: Campers should wear their camp t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt, shorts, and closed-toe shoes, and prepare for outdoor activities each day.
- Winter Camps: Campers should wear a plain t-shirt, pants, and closed-toe shoes, and bring layers and jackets for possible outdoors activities each day.

### **PARKING & SIGN IN/OUT LOCATION**

- Please park in the main lot and enter through our main entrance. Proceed with your child to our sign in/out station at the Guest Services desk.
- Parents or guardians are required to sign their child in and out each day. On the first day please allow extra time to verify the contact information on the sign-in sheet, emergency phone number, etc.

**CAMPERS WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PERSONS LISTED ON THE CAMPER'S ENROLLMENT FORM AND SIGNOUT SHEET ONLY. A DRIVERS LICENSE MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNSELOR FOR VERIFICATION.**

### **SUPERVISION**

- Camps have a maximum of 16 campers with one fulltime aquarium educator, one additional staff members, or intern (recent college grad or college senior). In the event of a field trip, campers are transported in a school bus, by a certified School bus driver.

### **BACKGROUND CHECKS**

- All aquarium staff are given background checks, drug testing, and training before camp begins.

### **ALLERGIES & MEDICAL CONCERNS**

- The Aquarium will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations for mentally and physically challenged children, requests for reasonable accommodations must be arranged at the time of registration.
- We ask that you document any allergies, medical concerns, and behavioral accommodations on our enrollment form and follow instructions under Medical Information.
- Staff and counselors are prohibited from dispensing medication or an EpiPen injection. We will be happy to supervise that the child takes the medication properly if needed, however the child or a responsible guardian must be able to administer the medication.
- Please pack the medication and detailed instructions with the child's belongings.

### **FIRST AID CERTIFICATION**

- All our staff are required to be certified in first aid and CPR.

### **EMERGENCIES**

- Counselors carry radios when onsite and cellular phones at all times and can always be reached for emergency purposes. Please call at 716-285-3575 + ext. 0 in case of an emergency.
- Aquarium staff reserve the right to alert medical personnel and to obtain medical services as deemed necessary or appropriate in the event of an accident or sickness affecting your child.
- Parents or responsible guardians are solely responsible for paying all expenses incurred with respect to any accident or sickness.

**ZERO TOLERANCE- BEHAVIOR POLICY**

- It is our intent to keep all our campers safe and maintain a positive environment. We will not tolerate bullying, hitting or other disruptive behavior.
- Parents or guardians will be informed of inappropriate behavior and contacted to discuss corrective solutions. If a child is asked to leave the refund policy will be as listed below.

VIOLENT OR BULLYING BEHAVIOR POLICY:

**First instance** – Camp counselors reserve the right to *immediately dismiss* a child from camp due to bullying or violent and abusive behavior. In such a case a standard 50% refund would be issued.

REPEATED OR CONSISTENTLY DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR- "THREE STRIKES" POLICY:

**First instance** – The child will receive a 15 minute timeout and the parent or guardian will be notified at the end of the day.

**Second instance** – A parent or guardian will be asked to pick the child up and has the option to work on a corrective solution or withdraw their child from camp and receive the standard 50% refund.

**Third instance** – The child will be dismissed from remaining days of camp and a parent or guardian will be asked to pick them up immediately. If the child is enrolled in future weeks those registrations will also be canceled and 50% of camp fees for future weeks will be refunded.

I, the undersigned, in my individual capacity as parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_\_, being a minor child, accept the aforementioned terms and conditions of program participation and hereby release and hold harmless Aquarium of Niagara, its officers, employees, volunteers, instructors and supervisors from any and all liability, injury, or damages, both personal and property, arising out of or as a result of said minor child's attendance at an Aquarium Camp. I assume all risks incident thereto with respect to myself and to any other individuals for whom this registration is made. I give permission for Aquarium of Niagara, its officers, employees, instructors and supervisors to provide first aid and seek medical treatment if an incident arises.

The Aquarium or Niagara occasionally takes photos of participating children for use in social media, newsletters and other publications. Also on occasion, local news media may visit our facility in covering various events. By signing, I acknowledge awareness that my child's photograph may be taken at times for promotional or news coverage purposes. I understand that photos taken by the Aquarium become property of the organization and may be used in promotional materials now and/or in the future.

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Name of child

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Name of Parent/Guardian (Printed)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Daytime Phone Number

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Email Address