

## 2009 WATERFRONT CENTER CODE OF CONDUCT

*Dear Parents/Guardians and Participants:*

*Please read and discuss this Code of Conduct together and indicate your understanding by signing the bottom. This form must be submitted along with your medical, liability and emergency contact forms no later than **May 15th, 2009**. Failure to do so will forfeit your spot in The WaterFront Center's Junior Program. Please keep the additional copy as a reference at home.*

1. Cooperation, helpfulness and maintaining a positive attitude are always appreciated. Respect must be shown to other participants and to staff. Appropriate language is required at all times.
2. Listening to directions is very important for safety and to maximize the best use of time.
3. Voices should be kept at an appropriate volume. Screaming is disruptive and may be misinterpreted as a warning that something is wrong.
4. Teasing and bullying are not tolerated. Participants must keep their hands and feet to themselves.
5. For safety, there is no running, wrestling or rough housing in the classrooms.
6. Rock throwing and rock skipping are not allowed anywhere on the premises or on the beach.
7. Damaging property is unacceptable. This includes littering, sticking candy on furniture, writing on tables, improper use of bathrooms and disregard for the care of equipment. There is no gum permitted.
8. Marine organisms must be handled carefully with supervision, including not putting unauthorized material in aquatic tanks.
9. Participants must stay with their group and follow age specific escort rules. No child may wander on his/her own.
10. Participants must wear a properly fitted, US Coastguard approved PFD (lifejacket) whenever they are in, on or near the water.
11. Close-toed water shoes are mandatory and must be worn at all times.
12. No weapons, toy weapons, or use of other materials as weapons--including knives or costume accessories.
13. No portable electronics including cell phones, iPods, PSI's, Game Boys, etc. (We utilize VHF radios on-site and participants may use WFC phones if they need to contact a parent.)
14. Please keep all valuables at home.
15. There is absolutely no private boat drop-off / pick-up from The WaterFront Center Dock. If you come by boat or jet ski, you must go to the Town boat ramps and then walk down to pick up your child / children.

The WaterFront Center reserves the right to expel a participant who presents a risk to him/herself or others, or breaks this Code of Conduct in an extreme manner. When possible, the following steps will be followed before expulsion:

1. The Naturalist / Instructor in charge will address the issue with the participant one on one.
2. If the issue is not resolved or the behavior continues, the child will meet with the appropriate administrator.
3. The administrator may choose to call the parent(s)/guardians or speak with the parent(s)/guardians privately at pick up time.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kristin Johnson  
Director of Education

Jeanne Beyer  
Program Administrator

Parent's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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