



MENTORING ALLIANCE

SUMMER CAMPS

FAMILY HANDBOOK

SUMMER 2026



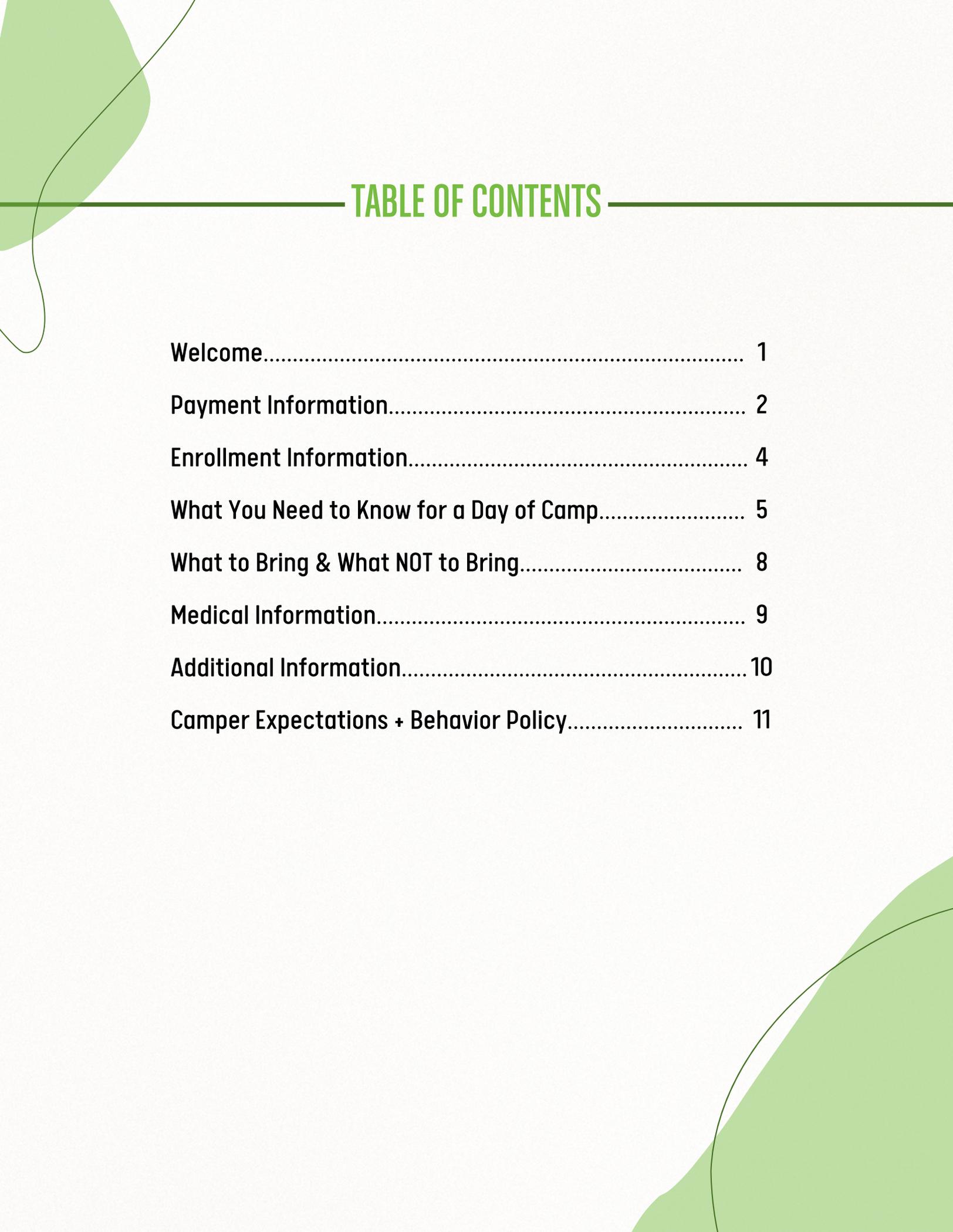


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WELCOME TO CAMP!

Thank you for registering your child for Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps! We are eager to serve your family this summer and we hope that this packet equips you with all the information you need for a fun and smooth experience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Prior to the first week of camp or for payment and registration questions, please direct all communication to our main office:

info@thementoringalliance.com

1-877-469-2986

Once camp has begun, please direct communication as follows:

All non-payment, non-registration questions:

Please contact the specific camp location your child is enrolled at. This contact information is available online, or in-person at each site.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Paying for Camp

There are 3 ways to pay for camp:

- Automatic drafts using a debit card or checking account (best option)
- Online through your parent portal
- In person at our office with a card or money order

Upon enrollment, there is a non-refundable registration fee.

Financial Aid & Discounts

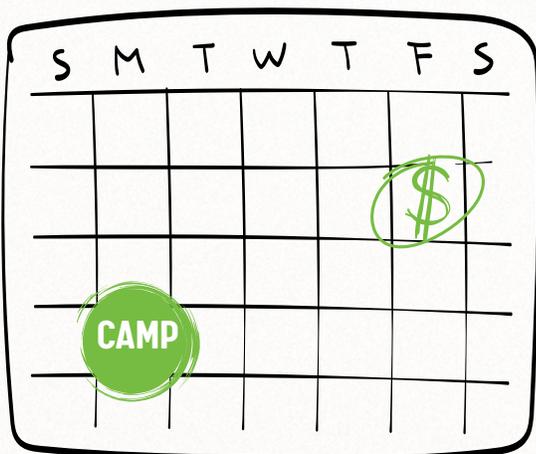
Mentoring Alliance automatically offers income-based financial aid. During enrollment, you will be asked to upload a recent copy of your 1040 tax return and you will be given a price will be calculated based on that information.

Late Payments

If a payment is not received by the due date, we will attempt to contact you via phone and email.

If payment has not been received by 12 PM on the Wednesday after the due date, your child will be un-enrolled for that week of camp, as well as any future weeks.

If you have a unique circumstance or need, please contact us as early as possible.



PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment Due Dates

Payments are due two Fridays before the enrolled week of camp. You will receive an invoice one week prior to each payment due date.

Please refer to the payment chart on this page, or log in to your parent portal to see when your payment(s) will be due.

Week of Camp:	Payment due on or before:
Week 1: June 1 - 5	Friday, 5/22/26
Week 2: June 8 - 12	Friday, 5/29/26
Week 3: June 15 - 19	Friday, 6/5/26
Week 4: June 22 - 26	Friday, 6/12/26
Week 5: June 29 - July 3	Friday, 6/19/26
Week 6: July 6 - 10	Friday, 6/26/26
Week 7: July 13 - 17	Friday, 7/3/26
Week 8: July 20 - 24	Friday, 7/10/26
Week 9: July 27 - 31	Friday, 7/17/26

Note: Number of weeks may vary by camp location.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Waitlist

If the specific camp weeks or location you want are full, you can be put on a waitlist. If a spot opens up, we will contact waitlisted parents in order.

These openings are time-sensitive; if you are contacted about an available spot, you have a limited amount of time to respond. Please respond promptly.

Absences

Our summer camps operate on a weekly cycle. For the best experience, we recommend your child attend all 5 days in each week they are enrolled. If your child needs to miss part or all of a day of camp, please contact us.

Repeated absences without prior communication may result in unenrollment from the program. Please only register for weeks that you plan to send your child.

Enrollment Changes or Cancellations

Any enrollment changes or cancellations must be communicated at least two weeks in advance, otherwise you are **not** entitled to a refund. This allows us time to contact families from the waitlist.

Age Requirements

Summer Camp accepts campers that have completed Kindergarten through campers that have completed 5th grade. There are no exceptions.

Transportation

In most cases, you will drop off and pick up your child at the camp site they are attending. However, some sites may offer additional options, either in the form of a centralized drop-off and pick-up location, or through door-to-door transportation.

If your specific camp site offers transportation, you will be given the option to select it as part of the registration process. Any changes to a student's method of transportation must be communicated to the site in advance.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR A DAY AT CAMP

What does a day at camp look like?

The daily schedule will differ depending on your location, week of camp, and other factors such as age of your child. But generally, here is what you can expect:

- Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack
- A wide variety of exciting indoor and outdoor activities
- Fun and engaging reading and math instruction provided by district teachers
- Worship and small group Bible study time (if opted in during enrollment)
- Weekly life skills classes called Life Labs

7:00 AM	Arrival + Breakfast
9:00 AM	Mega Minds + Dance Break
10:45 AM	Activities
12:00 PM	Lunch + Skit
12:45 PM	Rest Time
1:25 PM	Worship + Bible Study (if opted in during enrollment)
2:25 PM	Activities
4:15 PM	Snack + Pick Up

If you choose not to opt in to Bible Study, your child will participate in an alternate activity. Please note that our Summer Camp programs may include faith-based elements throughout the day, such as prayer before meals, skits, and songs.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR A DAY AT CAMP

Drop-off & Pick-up Information

If you need to drop off or pick up outside of the designated hours, please contact us in advance to schedule.

At camp, even drop-off and pick-up is fun! Every day, our staff will greet you at your car and walk your child down the red carpet as they arrive and depart. Here's what you need to know:

Morning Drop-off

7:30 to 8:30 AM

The first time you drop off your child may take a little longer as we learn your child's name and find where they belong.

Afternoon Pick-up

4:30 to 5:30 PM

Please have your ID ready during pick-up.

Campers will only be released to authorized pick-ups. You can add or remove authorized pick-ups through your parent portal.

If your site provides transportation, you will receive more specific instructions closer to the start of camp.

Please note that 4:00 to 4:30 is a very busy transition time, so early pick-ups during this window are likely to experience delays.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR A DAY AT CAMP

Theme

The whole-summer theme this year is **Made for Good** and each week, we will be exploring different environments to learn how we can each be a force for Good in our world!

On Fridays, campers are encouraged to join their counselors in dressing up in their cluster color! This can be as simple or as elaborate as you'd like.

Cluster Colors

Each Monday, your camper will be assigned to a cabin within a cluster of their peers. For example, Bonsai 1, 2, and 3 are three different cabins with different counselors, but they form one cluster. You can expect this cluster to remain consistent throughout the summer, but changes may occur.

Clusters are the teams that your campers belong to at camp! Campers will earn points for their cluster through weekly competitions and will have a say in forming their unique identity and traditions.

Bonsai			Zulu
Mahogany			Himalaya
Willow			Rockies
Redwood			Everest



WHAT TO BRING & WHAT NOT TO BRING

What to send with your child every day:

Please label all items with your child's name.

What to Bring	Description
Backpack	Make sure to have somewhere to keep belongings.
Comfortable, closed-toe shoes	There will be lots of activities that involve running around, so we want campers to wear appropriate footwear.
Water bottle	It's hot outside! We have frequent water breaks where staff will encourage campers to drink water to keep them hydrated and healthy.
Towel, swimsuit, & water shoes	Weather permitting, each cabin will have 1-2 water activities each week. Swimsuits should fit properly and be appropriate for active movement.
Sunscreen	Since many activities take place outside, it is encouraged that you send sunscreen for your child.
Pillow & blanket (optional)	Each cabin will have a quiet rest time.
Bible (optional)	If opted in during enrollment, each camper will participate in worship and a small group Bible study.
If you have any medication to drop off with our Health office, please complete the electronic medical forms during enrollment and bring the medication to our staff directly. Do not send medication in your child's backpack.	

Items not allowed at camp:

- Cash
- Cell phones, iPads or other electronic devices
- Pocket knives or other sharp objects
- Toys
- Heelys, skateboards, etc

Personal objects at camp:

Please do not send your child to camp with an object that you do not want to be potentially lost, broken, or dirty. Any valuables or sentimental items are safest at home.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Allergy-Aware Program

We are an allergy-aware program and work to create a safe environment for all children. Because some of our students have severe allergies, we ask families to be mindful of the foods they send. We cannot guarantee an allergen-free space, but we take reasonable precautions to reduce risk. Please avoid sending foods that contain peanuts or tree nuts.

Medical Care

If your camper is injured or becomes ill at camp, each camp location has a part-time nurse and a full-time health assistant who will tend to their needs. Additionally, all leadership staff are first-aid and CPR certified. In the event of a medical emergency, we will call 911.

Medication

MA Summer Camps are only permitted to administer necessary prescription medications that are scheduled to be taken during camp hours and emergency medications. All medications must be checked in to the Health Assistant at camp; campers may not carry their own medication.

Medication must be in the original container and clearly labeled with the child's name, the medication name, dosage and instructions, and the name of the prescribing physician. We cannot accept or administer loose pills or expired medications. If your child needs medication at camp, please indicate this at enrollment and complete the electronic medical questionnaire.

Sick Campers

For the health and safety of all campers and staff, we ask that you do not send your child to camp if they have the following symptoms:

- A fever of 100 F or higher
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a camper becomes sick during the camp day, they will need to be picked up. Sick campers may return to camp when they have been symptom-free for 24 hours, without the use of medication.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lice

MA Summer Camps has a no lice/nit policy. If your child is found to have lice or nits, they will need to be picked up and treated for lice. Upon returning to camp, the Health Assistant will check to confirm that no traces of lice or nits remain.

Mandated Reporting

State law requires anyone who suspects child abuse or neglect to report their concerns to the Department of Family and Protective Services or a local law enforcement agency. Mentoring Alliance adheres to state law and will promptly report any suspected abuse or neglect.

Severe Weather & Extreme Heat

In the event of severe weather or extreme heat, MA Summer Camps will take all necessary steps to ensure students are kept safe and healthy, such as providing more frequent water breaks and changing activity schedules to limit time outside.

Right to Dismiss

Mentoring Alliance reserves the right to dismiss a student from any of our programs for any reason. Families whose children have been suspended or expelled are not entitled to a refund. Please see the behavior and action overview and the camper code of conduct on the next page.

Lost and Found

Any found items will be placed in a lost and found area near the secretary's desk for students or parents to check at pick up. Periodically throughout the summer, staff will perform Lost and Found Fashion Shows to give campers the opportunity to see and claim their items. Items that are unidentified and unclaimed after fashion shows will be discarded.



CAMPER EXPECTATIONS + BEHAVIOR POLICY

At Mentoring Alliance Summer Camp, I will...

Follow Directions
Quickly

Stay with My
Group

Use Kind Words
& Actions

Have Safe
Hands & Feet

These rules serve as baseline expectations for Mentoring Alliance campers. Safety is our number one priority, and these rules help us accomplish the goal of hosting a safe camp experience for your child.

When these rules are broken, our staff will communicate with families based on the response protocol on the next page. Our goal is to partner with you to serve your child well and keep all campers safe.

Our staff all adhere to the "Rule of Three". This means that at all times, each child will have at least 2 other people with them, including at least one adult.

Accommodations we can offer:

- Visual schedules, extra prompts, and transition support
- Calming breaks or simplified tasks within group activities
- Collaboration with parents and other professionals to understand needs
- Consistent staffing and clear expectations to increase predictability

We cannot make changes that would:

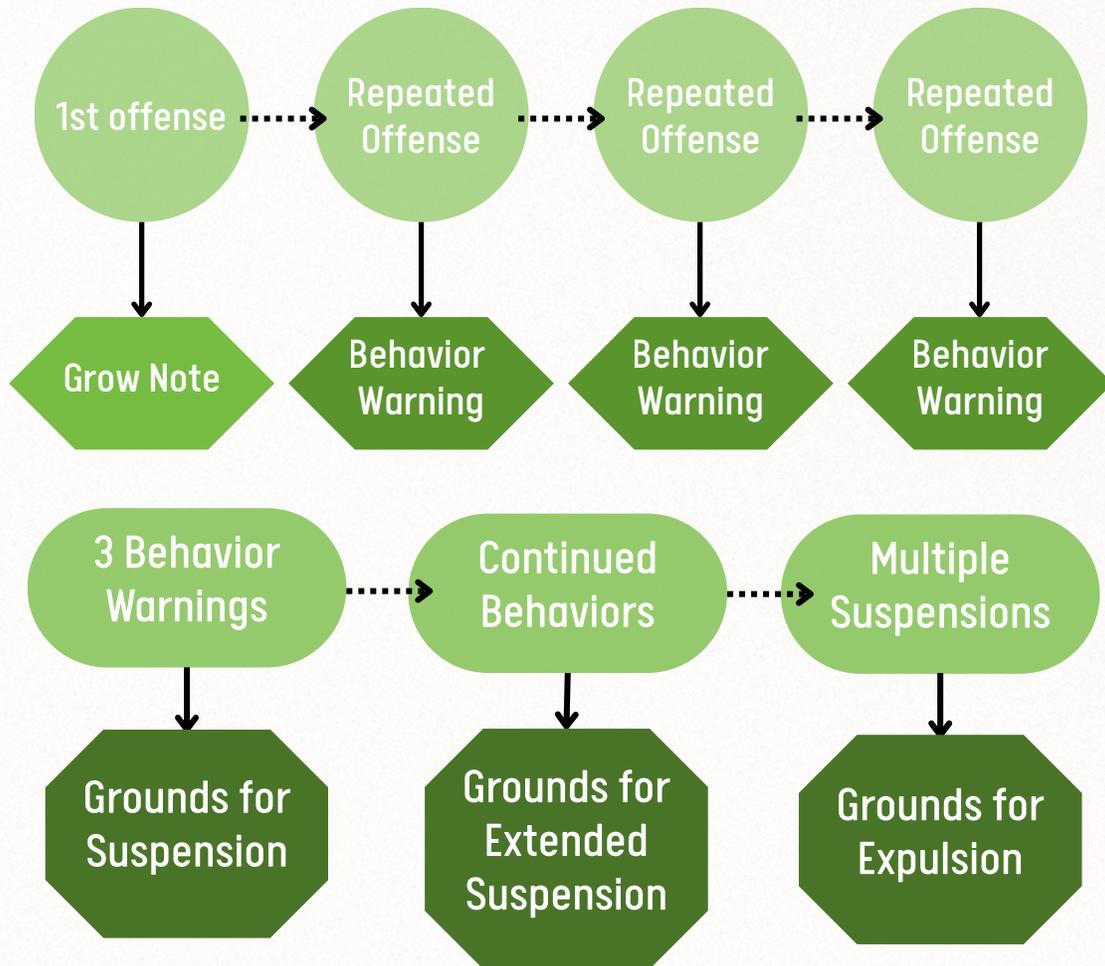
- Remove core program elements (activities, group model, daily schedule)
- Require 1-on-1 support
- Create safety risks for the camper or others

If a camper needs more support than our structure allows, we will partner with the family to explore better-fit options.

Families, please discuss these rules and policies with your child.

CAMPER EXPECTATIONS + BEHAVIOR POLICY

When a camper does not follow our behavior expectations, we will follow this process:



Final decisions regarding response to camper behavior will be at the discretion of the Site Coordinator and Director of Summer Camps. They reserve the right to adjust the behavior response process based on the needs of their site.

Camper suspensions must be approved by the Director of Summer Camps.
Camper expulsions must be approved by the Executive Director of the region.

Grounds for automatic suspension:

- Uncontrollable violent behavior
- Harm to another child or staff
- Significant property damage

Grounds for automatic expulsion:

- Bringing drugs, alcohol, or weapons to program
- Any attempted sexual activity, violence, or abuse



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