

## PARTICIPANT'S COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

*At the Boston Nature Center (BNC), each day will be filled with adventure, excitement, exploration, and responsibility. We strive to create a **safe community** where individual differences are valued, where people can reach toward new challenges and where **everyone** can learn and have fun. **Creating such a community requires the commitment of all program participants, their families, and staff.** The guidelines listed below outline the behavior expectations for BNC program participants and staff. Please review these guidelines with your parent/guardian and sign it.*

### **I WILL DEMONSTRATE RESPECT FOR OTHERS:**

1. I will respect other people's ideas and values, even if they are different from my own.
2. All of my actions and language will have a positive impact on the people in the BNC community. **I understand that any of my behavior that could potentially harm (physically or emotionally) another program participant or staff member, or which is disrespectful, is unacceptable** in the BNC community.

### **I WILL SHOW RESPECT FOR MYSELF:**

1. I will take care of myself by arriving and leaving on time and respect all rules.
2. I will make the most of learning opportunities at the BNC by participating fully in program activities and expectations, and **I will try new things all the time and have a positive attitude.**

### **I WILL SHOW RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND BNC FACILITIES:**

1. I understand that the BNC will be my "day home" during my stay, and I will take care of it.
2. **I will be sensitive to the natural environment.** This means practicing "Leave No Trace" ethics and treading lightly on the land, picking up trash, program supplies, equipment, and personal items.
3. The buildings and activity equipment are supplied by the BNC for all program participants and myself to enjoy. I will care for both in a responsible manner.

### **I WILL SHOW RESPECT FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF MYSELF AND OTHERS:**

1. I understand that it is important to abide by safety standards provided by the staff, especially in fire drills, uses of trails and boardwalks and challenge experiences.
2. **I understand that ALL program participants must be in their groups at all times, under the direct supervision of program staff,** unless activities require a different arrangement.

I have read, along with my parents/guardians, the above behavior guidelines and we understand that in order to create a BNC community where everyone can challenge himself or herself to make friends and have fun while exploring and learning that **our commitment is mandatory.** As a program participant, I will follow the above behavior guidelines.

**My parents/guardians and I understand that the breaking of this agreement can be grounds for dismissal.**

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_