

Standards of Behavior for Youth Participants

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Youth participants taking part in a UNI Youth Program are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the following standards of behavior. These standards have been established to help maintain a supportive, engaging, safe, and meaningful experience for all.

Participant expectations:

- Be courteous and considerate, and always interact with others respectfully
- Practice good citizenship and always treat others with kindness
- Use appropriate language at all times, and be thoughtful in what you say, post, share, or comment in any online platforms
- Practice leadership and encourage fellow participants to conduct themselves appropriately and with integrity
- Be responsible for your own behavior; uphold high standards for self and accept consequences for inappropriate behavior

Behaviors that are not permitted include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Any actions that bully, tease, dominate, or display sexualized behavior towards another
- Disrespecting others or exhibiting unethical or immoral conduct
- Use of inappropriate language, including profanity, slurs, insults or anything other language that could be hurtful or harmful to another person
- Possession or consumption of alcohol and illegal drugs, including the use of tobacco
- Possession or use of harmful objects with the intent to harm or intimidate others (e.g., weapons, fireworks, etc.)
- Using cameras, videos, or any other type of recording devices in private areas, such as bathrooms, changing/locker rooms, or shower facilities
- Being in spaces that are not permitted or off-limits, such as unsupervised or unauthorized spaces, etc.
- Destruction or theft of property
- Other conduct determined to be inappropriate for youth development

Violations of the standards of behavior will be handled as follow:

- If a chaperone is present for the minor involved in the violation, this person will be made aware of the violation.
- If necessary, arrangements will be made to remove the minor from the activity or program.
- The parent/guardian will be notified of the incident and actions that have been and/or will be taken.
- The minor can/may be barred from participating in future UNI Youth Programs.
- When warranted (e.g., violation of law) the situation may be turned over to the appropriate external agency (e.g. law enforcement authority).

Acknowledgement I, _____ as a participant of a UNI Youth Program, have read these standards of behavior and agree to accept and follow them. I also accept the consequences if I choose not to follow them.

Youth participant signature

Date

I/We _____ have read the standards of behavior and support my child's participation in a UNI Youth Program.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date