

## **USC | Standards of Behavior for Youth Participants of Camps, Programs, Activities, and Events with Minors**

Youth participants taking part in camps, programs, activities and events with minor participants 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, and are intended to operate in conjunction with the guidelines, rules and regulations of the specific camp, program, activity or event in which youth participants are taking part.

### **Participant expectations:**

- Be courteous and considerate, and always interact with others respectfully
- Practice good citizenship, open-mindedness, 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, crossing personal boundaries, 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 by a minor
- 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 follows:**

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



**Staff/Volunteer Expectations:**

As outlined in [USC’s Protecting Minors policy](#), all adults in the university community are expected to be role models for young people and to therefore maintain the highest standards of behavior when interacting with minors, including acting in a respectful and responsible manner that is consistent with the university’s [Code of Ethics](#) and [USC’s Guidelines for Interacting with Minors](#).

**Note:** In addition to these guidelines, adults working or volunteering for a youth camp, program, activity or event, are required to meet additional requirements (see [USC’s Protecting Minors policy](#) for more information).

**If you suspect or know that a staff member or volunteer is not acting in accordance with these guidelines, please inform the program/activity director and/or USC’s Office of Youth Protection and Programming immediately. Contact information is as follows:**

**Contact Information for Youth Camp, Program, Activity or Event Director:**

Name of Program/Activity Director: Nakia Mack  
Email: [nakiamac@usc.edu](mailto:nakiamac@usc.edu)  
Telephone: (213) 740-5531

**USC Office of Youth Protection and Programming:**

Email: [minors@usc.edu](mailto:minors@usc.edu) | Telephone: (213) 740-2656

You may also submit a report the Office of Youth Protection and Programming electronically. [Click here to Submit a Notice of Concern.](#)

For more information about our reporting process, [visit the Office of Youth Protection and Programming’s website.](#)

**Acknowledgement**

I, name of minor (print), as a participant of USC Pre-College Programs, 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 name of parent/guardian have read the standards of behavior and support my child’s participation in USC Pre-College Programs.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date