



**UC Irvine Campus  
Recreation  
2026 Summer Youth Camps  
Parent Handbook**

# Welcome to the 2026 Summer Youth Camps (Letter from us)

To our wonderful Camp Parents & Guardians,

Welcome, and thank you for trusting us to be your child's camp home this summer! We're thrilled to welcome families back for another unforgettable summer camp season with Campus Recreation. This year, we're bigger and better than ever, offering eight exciting weeks of camp filled with classic camp favorites, new and engaging activities, and plenty of opportunities for fun, growth, and connection. All programs take place in a safe, supportive, and energizing environment on the UCI campus.

UC Irvine Campus Recreation strives to serve our community in ways that bring to life our Mission, Vision, and Values as a facility that extends to all our families:

## *Mission*

The Mission of Campus Recreation strives to inspire lifelong wellness in our communities, through comprehensive wellness programs, inclusive communities, and exceptional experiences.

## *Vision*

The Vision of the Campus Recreation Youth Summer Camps is that all camper youth and young adults have equitable access to recreational summer programs, to provoke an interest in all activities and become successful community-minded adults.

## *Core Values*

- Community/Inclusion
- Positive Intent
- Empowerment
- Integrity
- Fun

## *Camp Philosophy*

It is our philosophy /belief that each camper is a unique individual with their own rate of development. Our goal is to introduce the campers to as many positive experiences as possible. It is our hope that the experiences we provide will foster creativity and individuality in each camper and encourage an awareness of themselves and others.

### ***Camp Goals and Outcome (Our WHY):***

Campus Recreation has established the following **goals and outcomes for all campers:**

- To grow personally and gain a greater sense of his or her own worth.
- To aspire to live by character values; caring, honesty, respect and responsibility
- To experience improved personal relationships
- To learn to appreciate inclusion & diversity
- To become better leaders
- To have fun!

**The WHY** of our summer camps are to provide a safe and positive, outdoor experiential environment, filled with enriching and enjoyable activities that will nurture our campers in a

holistic way! Campus Recreation hopes to achieve this by ensuring all campers and staff walk away having learned something new about within our activities (i.e. outdoor education) as well as themselves (i.e. character and socio-emotional development).

**Camp Agreement:**

As those entrusting us with your child/children in our care, here are three crucial agreements we strive to practice and enforce throughout the Summer Camp season:

1. Safety first! Safety is the number one priority for all the campers in our care.
2. Dirt does not hurt, so all campers should come home with it on them...glitter can be considered dirt too.
3. The campers should be sleeping by the time they pull into their driveway at home.
  - a. They are active all day and it is our job to ensure their days are full of fun.

**Camp staff and instructors:**

Our Camp staff and instructors-comprised of students, outdoor educators, and recreational professionals-are passionate, skilled, and deeply committed to providing an unforgettable summer experience. Each team member brings proficiency in their specific activity areas, a contagious enthusiasm, and a genuine dedication to connecting with and empowering every camper. Needless to say, they have been counting down the days to welcome your camper(s) for another summer of fun under the sun!

All our summer camp staff complete comprehensive pre-camp training that includes safety certifications, risk management, emergency procedures, experiential instruction methods, age-appropriate programming, positive discipline strategies, and character development. This preparation ensures a safe, engaging, and enriching environment for every camper.

As you read through our handbook, we hope it offers a clear picture of how our program operates—and helps you and your camper(s) feel fully prepared for the experience ahead.

In creating a vibrant, inclusive, and memorable camp environment together, we continue to grow as a Zot Community so let the best summer ever begin!



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# Campus Recreation Camps: General Camp Info

## Campus Recreation/ARC Address and Check In/Pick Up Location (Parking)

### Address

- Campus Recreation (Anteater Recreation Center)  
680 California Ave  
Irvine, CA 92697

### Campus Recreation Directory

#### Front Desk:

- F: (949) 824-1149

#### Sales Desk:

- F: (949)-824-3738
- E: recreation@uci.edu

### Camp Check In/Out Location and Parking



- **Check In/Out Location:**
  - Check In/Out will take place at the ARC Fields, indicated in the **RED CIRCLE**. \*
  - \*Drop of location subject to change due to field maintenance; parents/guardians will be notified of alternative drop off location (front of ARC)
- **Temporarily Parking (Drop off/Pick Up)**
  - All families participating in our camps will receive a temporary parking link that provides a complimentary 30 min drop off and 30 min pick up grace period.
- **Long Term Parking:**
  - If you want to stay over 5 minutes, you must park in the parking lot in front of the ARC. Parking permits can be purchased at Kiosks (indicated in **BLUE CIRCLES** for \$2 per hour.

#### ***DROP OFF/PICK UP POLICY (PARENTAL/AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS)***

- Parent and authorized people permitted to drop off/pick up their and/or other campers must provide a valid picture ID (i.e. driver's license, passport, Real ID) at signing in/out.
- No child will be released to any adult unless they are recognized as their respective adult and/or authorized person.
- If adjustments are needed for emergency information and/or updates to the authorized persons, please contact the Youth Program Director ([sdaquioa@uci.edu](mailto:sdaquioa@uci.edu)) for assistance.

# Camp at a Glance: 2026 Campus Recreation Camps

## Registration/Enrollment Policies

### Registrations:

- All information regarding our camps, registration instructions, and additional enrollment details can be located on the [Campus Recreation Youth Camps](#) webpage.
- PLEASE NOTE: To ensure a safe and positive camp experience for all participants, all registration requirements must be fully completed at least one week prior to your camper's first day of attendance.

## Refund/Transfer/Cancellation Policies

### Refunds

- General Refund Policy Info
  - Payees must complete the [UCI Campus Recreation refund form](#) until 14 business days prior to the start of your camper's camp session.
  - Refunds will not be provided when registration procedures are not followed, and incorrect pricing is utilized
  - All credits are non-transferable and must remain within the same family account.
- Refund Processing Policy
  - **90% Refund:** Requests submitted at least 14 business days prior to the camper's first day (credit card processing fees are non-refundable).
  - **50% Refund:** Requests submitted 7–14 business days prior to the camper's first day. Camp transfers may be requested based on availability.
  - **No Refund:** Requests made within 7 business days of the camper's first day, unless a replacement participant is secured.

### Transfers

- Transfer requests must be submitted in writing to [UCI Campus Recreation](#) at least ten (10) business days prior to the first day of the enrolled camp week.
- Transfers are subject to eligibility requirements and space availability.

### Cancellation

- Payees must email [recreation@uci.edu](mailto:recreation@uci.edu) a written notice fourteen (14) or more business days before first day of enrolled camp week to receive full refund.
- Failure to notify Campus Recreation of a cancellation or transfer 3 business days prior to camp start date will make the subsequent payment non-refundable.
- Exceptions to the cancellation policy will be made on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the Youth Program Director.

## Absences & Short-Term Illness

- Refunds or credits are not provided for absences, vacations, special events, short-term illnesses, or other personal scheduling conflicts.
- Enrollment reserves staffing, space, programming materials, and resources for each camper regardless of attendance
- Transfers requests will only be completed if there is space available in the desired camp and taken case by case.

## Extended Illness or Emergency Circumstances

- In cases involving documented illness, injury, or significant family emergencies, partial credits or refunds may be considered.
- Supporting documentation may be required and all determinations will be made at the discretion of the Youth Program Director.

## Suspension or Dismissal from Camp

- Campus Recreation reserves the right to suspend or dismiss a camper whose behavior is determined to be unsafe, harmful, disruptive, or inconsistent with camper and parent/guardian expectations outlined in this handbook.
- If a camper is dismissed for behavioral or disciplinary reasons, no refund or credit will be issued for unused camp days.

## Camp Modifications or Weather Impacts

- Programs may be modified, relocated, or adjusted due to weather, facility conditions, or operational needs.
- When possible, alternative activities and indoor programming will be implemented.
- Refunds or credits will not be issued for modified programming due to inclement weather or related operational adjustments.

## Inclusion Policy & Individualized Education Plans/Support Needs

### Inclusion Policy

- UC Irvine Campus Recreation Youth Programs are committed to fostering an inclusive, welcoming, and supportive environment where campers of all backgrounds, identities, abilities, and experiences are encouraged to learn, grow, and participate together through safe and engaging recreational experiences.
- Campus Recreation welcomes campers with disabilities and will make reasonable efforts to support participation whenever possible within the scope of program resources, staffing, facility limitations, and safety considerations.

## Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) & Support Needs

- Families are encouraged to notify youth program staff prior to camp participation of any medical needs, behavioral considerations, accommodations, Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), 504 Plans, or additional support needs that may impact a camper’s experience or supervision needs at camp.
- Disclosure of support needs does not automatically preclude participation. When appropriate, families may be asked to participate in a pre-camp meeting with professional staff to discuss reasonable accommodation and support strategies.
- Families of campers who may benefit from additional support may be asked to participate in a pre-camp meeting with professional youth program staff to discuss individualized needs, supervision considerations, participation expectations, and reasonable support strategies that may assist with creating a positive camp experience.
- While Campus Recreation strives to provide inclusive programming whenever reasonably possible, UC Irvine Campus Recreation Youth Programs reserves the right to determine whether a program is an appropriate and safe fit for a camper. If the university determines it cannot reasonably meet a camper’s individual needs while maintaining the health, safety, and wellbeing of campers and staff, enrollment may be declined, modified, suspended, or discontinued.

## Sample General Camp Schedule (All camps)

<b>7:45am-9am:</b>	Camper arrival/drop off
<b>9am-12pm:</b>	Morning group and specialty activities (archery, racquet, climbing, etc.)
<b>12pm - 1pm:</b>	Lunch (bring own lunch and Snacks)
<b>1pm-4pm:</b>	Afternoon group and specialty activities, including pool time
<b>4pm - 4:30pm:</b>	Camper pick up

*\* Subject to change*

# Drop Off/Pick Up Policy

## General Camp Times

- 9am-12pm/1pm-4pm (Lunch: 12pm-1pm)

## Early Check In/Drop off & Late Check Out/Pick Up

- Early Check In/Drop Off: 7:45AM\*
  - \* Please make sure your child is dropped off at least 10 minutes prior to the start of camp, to ensure they do not miss the start of camp.
- Late Drop Off/Early Pick-Up Arrangements
  - Should the camp table no longer be occupied with staff, please enter the ARC and let Front Desk know you and your camper have arrived.
    - A front desk employee will radio for a camp staff employee to come to the front to escort your camper to their destination.
  - Please do not drop off your child then leave, even if you are late.
    - Each camper must be signed in to account for them during camp and at check out.
- Late Check Out/Pick Up: After 4:30pm
  - Prior arrangements and notifications must be provided in a timely manner should check out/pickup be around or after 4:30pm.
  - Should the camp table no longer be occupied with staff, please enter the ARC and let front desk know you have arrived to pick up your camper(s).
    - A front desk employee will radio for a camp staff employee to come to the front to escort your camper to their destination.
    - Based on a case-by-case basis, a late pick-up fee of \$20/per hour may be applied if deemed habitual and consistent.
      - Each camper must be signed out by an ID-holding authorized person to account for them during camp and at check out.

## Self-Check Out

- For our campers aged 12-17 and with prior written authorization from their primary adult guardian (via registration site), they may sign themselves out from camp.

## Camp Groups (Ratios and Buddy Requests)

### Camp staff-to-camper ratios

- For our Variety Camps, the camp staff-to-camper ratios are 1:8 minimum-1:15 maximum.
- For our Specialty Camps and as dictated by our camp/youth program Instructors, the camp staff-to-camper ratios are 1:8 minimum-1:16 maximum.
- Specific Accommodations: please email [recreation@uci.edu](mailto:recreation@uci.edu) to set up a meeting with the Program Director for further discussion.

## Camp Buddy Requests

- Camp buddy requests may be accommodated via Fusion as well as written requests via email.
- Camp buddy requests can be made up until the second day of camp as it is critical to the camp staffs' ability to provide safe, transformative programs to their campers.

## What to bring/wear to camp and what to keep at home

- Campus Recreation Summer Youth Camps will do their best to ensure that all campers have a safe and wonderful experience, supplemented by what campers should bring (and what not to bring) to camp:

### What to Bring/Wear

- For all Campus Recreation Youth Summer Camps
  - Close-toed shoes (slides/sandals only for Pool Day)
  - Lunch and snacks brought from home
    - All campers are required to bring their own lunch and snacks.
    - Families may arrange to drop off lunch for their camper with prior approval from camp staff.
    - To help support campers and staff with food allergies, families are asked not to bring foods containing nuts/nut-based ingredients, or other known allergens to camp.
  - Reusable water bottles
  - Sunscreen
    - Apply waterproof sunscreen (SPF 30+) to your camper prior to arrival and clearly label all sunscreen brought to camp.
    - Please avoid applying sunscreen during the drop-off process.
    - Camp staff will provide sunscreen reminders and reapplication breaks throughout the day, including after swimming and outdoor activities.
    - With parent/guardian permission, staff may supervise or verbally assist younger campers with sunscreen application when appropriate.
  - Sun-protective gear (hats, sunglasses, rash guards)
  - Towel
  - Swim Attire (Guidelines):
    - Swimwear must be camp appropriate, secure, and provide appropriate coverage for active participation and aquatic activities.
    - One-piece swimsuits and rash guards are strongly recommended.
    - Swimwear with strings or styles that may become untied, unsafe, or overly revealing during activities is not permitted.
  - Inhaler and Epi-Pen (with child's prescription label); if applicable/disclosed
  - Bug Spray

- Campers may carry spray bug repellent in their backpack if they can apply it themselves.
- Bug repellent stickers and bracelets are permitted and are a good alternative.
- Please contact the Camp/Youth Program Director if you have any concerns.
- Rules for staff assistance in applying Bug Repellent:
  - Parental/guardian permission must be given to ASSISTING campers with application, and it will be done so in a distant, non-contact manner.
- Weather appropriate clothing
- EXTRA clothing (specifically for Pool days and just in case...)
- PLEASE NOTE: Any items brought are at the camper's own risk and may be confiscated by the Camp staff if they become an unsafe distraction/disruption.
- Specialty Camps:
  - Specialty Camp participants bringing personal equipment may have items inspected and approved by staff prior to use. Camp staff reserve the right to deny the use of any personal equipment deemed unsafe or inappropriate.

### What to keep at home (Personal items & electronic devices)

- To help maintain a safe, inclusive, and engaging camp environment, campers should leave unnecessary personal items at home.
- Items not permitted or discouraged at camp include:
  - Personal electronic devices (tablets, handheld gaming devices, etc.)
  - Personal toys, trading cards, or stuffed animals
  - Weapons, alcohol, drugs, or any item prohibited at school
  - Vehicles or other unsafe items

### Cell Phone & Camera Policies

- Cell phones and electronic devices may not be used during active programming or activities. Excessive or disruptive use may result in confiscation until the end of the camp day. Repeated violations may result in further disciplinary action
- Cameras are not permitted in private areas, including restrooms or changing spaces, and may not be used without another individual's consent.

### Lunch and All Food Activities (Allergens)

- Lunch and snacks are not provided unless otherwise noted as part of camp programming. Please send your camper with a labeled lunch, snacks, and refillable water bottle each day.
- Refrigerators and microwaves are not available for camper use.
- To help support camper safety, food sharing/trading is not permitted.

- Families should disclose all dietary restrictions, food allergies, and medical accommodations prior to camp participation.
- UC Irvine Campus Recreation strives to maintain safe food handling, sanitation, and allergy-aware practices in accordance with applicable health and safety guidelines during all food-related activities and cooking sessions.
- Campers are encouraged to avoid foods with unknown ingredients and immediately notify staff of any allergic reactions or concerns.
- For campers with moderate-to-severe allergies, families should coordinate with camp staff regarding the location of inhalers, EpiPens, or other emergency medications.

## Lost and Found

- Camp staff are trained to ensure all campers leave with what they bring to their rotations and before departing each day.
- We will have a special cart designated for Summer Camp Lost and Found items that will be brought out at Check in/Check out.

## Camp Staff/Leadership Team

### Camp staff (Counselors, Activity Leads/Instructors, Program Support)

- As it takes a village to run Summer Camp, our camp staff can be recognized as the following:
  - Camp staff Counselors
  - Activity Leads
  - Program Support
  - Camp Instructors
  - Camp Leadership/Directors and Logistical Team

### Staff Screening, Training, & Mandated Reporting

- UC Irvine Campus Recreation Youth Program staff are selected based on experience working with youth, recreation, education, leadership, and/or camp environments. Staff complete University hiring and screening processes, including applicable background checks and Live Scan fingerprinting requirements.
- Staff are required to complete university and program-specific trainings related to youth safety, supervision, risk management, and emergency response in accordance with university expectations and program operations.
- As mandated reporters under California law, Youth Program staff are legally required to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities in accordance with state law and University protocol.

### Staff Interaction Policy

- To maintain appropriate professional boundaries and support a safe camp environment, interactions or arrangements between camp staff and campers/families outside of official UC Irvine Campus Recreation Youth Program activities are prohibited.

- This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Babysitting
  - Private coaching or instruction
  - Transportation arrangements
  - Other non-camp-related services
- Families are asked to respect these boundaries and refrain from requesting outside services from Camp staff. Any concerns regarding staff interactions should be reported to Youth Program professional staff.

## Confidentiality & Privacy

- UC Irvine Campus Recreation Youth Programs strive to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of camper, family, and staff information in accordance with applicable University policies and legal requirements.
- Camper, family, staff, medical, behavioral, and disciplinary information will only be accessed, used, or shared by authorized personnel as necessary to support program operations, camper wellbeing, safety, emergency response, or as otherwise permitted or required by law or University policy.
- To help maintain appropriate professional boundaries and privacy standards, Camp staff are prohibited from sharing personal contact information or arranging unauthorized communication outside of official program operations.

## Pool/Aquatic Activities

### ARC Pool Policies

- For our ARC Pool Policies, information can be found on our [ARC Policies](#) webpage, under “Children’s Youth Policies (including Swim & Climb).”

### Swim Test

- The Campus Recreation Youth Camps allow campers recognized as strong swimmers opportunities to swim in deeper waters.
- During the first few days of camp, Camp staff/Pool Staff will conduct our Swim tests that include campers competently demonstrating the following skills (in compliance with YMCA Swim Test Policy):



- Upon successful completion of the Swim Test, campers will receive a wristband as well as documentation of their successful completion of the swim.

## Health & Safety Overview, Standards, and Guidelines for 2026 Campus Recreation Summer Youth Camps

### Health and Safety

#### Overview:

- The health and safety of all campers is our top priority. Camp staff are trained to respond to injuries, illnesses, and emergency situations in a safe and timely manner.

#### Illness & Health Guidelines

- Campers who are sick or showing symptoms of illness should remain at home.
- Camp may deny entry or require early pickup if a camper appears ill; pickup is required within one hour if symptoms develop during the day.
- Campers must be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to camp.
- Communicable illnesses require physician clearance prior to return.
- Communicable illnesses may require medical clearance prior to returning.

#### Injuries & Emergencies

- Staff are trained in First Aid, CPR, and AED response.
- Parents/guardians will be notified of significant injuries or medical concerns.
- In the event of a medical emergency, camp staff may contact emergency medical services (911) prior to parent/guardian notification.
- If emergency transport is necessary and a parent/guardian is unavailable, a staff member will accompany the camper until a guardian arrives.

## Concussions & Head Injuries

- Any camper suspected of sustaining a head injury will be removed from activity immediately.
- Parents/guardians will be notified.
- Medical clearance may be required before returning to camp activities.

## Medication

- Camp staff do not administer medication.
  - Parents/guardians must arrange on-site administration if needed.
- Campers requiring emergency medications (such as inhalers or Epi-Pens) must carry them at all times and notify staff at check-in.

## Emergency Preparedness

- Camp staff are trained in emergency procedures including:
  - Medical emergencies
  - Severe weather
  - Fire and evacuation procedures
  - Lost Camper Response
  - Campus safety/security situations
  - Emergency action plan (EAP)

## Weather & Environmental Conditions

- Camp activities may be modified, relocated indoors, or adjusted due to weather or environmental conditions.

### *Heat & Air Quality*

- Activities may be adjusted during extreme heat or poor air quality conditions.
- Hydration, shade, and indoor activity modifications will be prioritized as needed.
- Programs follow guidance from UCI Environmental Health & Safety (EH & S) and AirNow.

### *Rain*

- Camp operates rain or shine whenever safely possible.
- Families are encouraged to send campers with appropriate weather attire when needed.

## Camp Inclusivity and Diversity

### Overall Philosophy, Principles, and Perspectives

- Campus Recreation Youth Camps are committed to providing a safe, inclusive environment where all campers can participate with dignity.
- Reasonable accommodation is made whenever possible.
- Families of campers with medical, behavioral, or support needs should connect with the Camp Director prior to registration.

- Camp reserves the right to determine appropriate placement or decline participation if needs exceed available support.

### Health Aide Policy (If required)

- Campers requiring individualized support must provide their own qualified health aide.
- Aides must meet certification, background check, and training requirements.
- Aides must attend daily; absence means the camper cannot attend that day.
- Camp staff do not provide 1:1 support.

### Participation Determination:

- All participation decisions are made with careful consideration of camper safety, staff capacity, and program integrity to support a positive experience for all.
- Support plans may include, but are not limited to, IEP alignment, medical accommodations, facility adjustments, and modified arrival/departure arrangements.
- While we strive to accommodate all campers, participation may be declined if we are unable to safely meet a camper's needs.

## Disciplinary Policy Overview, Standards, and Guidelines for Campus Recreation Summer Youth Camps

### Behavior/Disciplinary Policies

#### General Overview

- Camp is an incredible place where campers have an opportunity to learn and grow in a safe and enriching environment.
- Both psychological and physical safety are our highest priority, we also know it is critical to provide guidelines and guidance to all campers towards learning the impact of their decisions and actions.

#### Camp Behavior Policy

- Campus Recreation Summer Youth Camps provide a foundation for a positive camp environment that begins with engaging, high-quality programming. By providing fun, meaningful, and well-structured activities, we aim to prevent many potential behavior challenges before they arise.
- Our goal is to promote strong character values through our camp mission. All staff are trained and encouraged to serve as positive role models, guiding campers in developing healthy social and emotional skills.
- We are committed to handling behavioral concerns with care, fairness, and respect for every child. Most issues are addressed and resolved appropriately by our staff with the well-being of all campers in mind.

- If initial efforts to redirect or improve a camper's behavior are unsuccessful, we will contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) for support and collaboration in addressing the situation.

## Camp Code of Conduct

- Campus Recreation Summer Youth Camps promote character development and campers and parents/guardians are expected to abide by the Campus Recreation Summer Youth Camp rules and policies.
- This agreement is to ensure that each parent/guardian and camper is aware of the camp rules as they will be fully enforced throughout camp.
- These have been designed to ensure the safety and enjoyment of each camper who attends our program.
  - Please read through these forms carefully.
  - If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Campus Recreation.
- A guardian's signature on the registration form acknowledges the agreement to follow these policies.
- If a camper is unable to adhere to camp policies and counselor rules, Camp staff may implement further disciplinary action.

## Camp Guidelines

- The following guidelines will afford the assistance of our Camp staff by having all campers and their families review these guidelines so one can maximize the amount of fun one could have!
- These guidelines are for everyone's safety and well-being while at camp:
  - Show respect to other campers, treat them as well as I would like to be treated, and try to be a friend to all.
  - Have FUN but not at the expense of others.
  - Campers are not allowed to leave the Camp area or ARC grounds for any reason without being escorted by a Camp staff.
  - Show respect to camp staff and cooperate fully with their instructions.
  - Tell a camp staff member if there is any problem/issue during camp that is making you unhappy.
  - Respect the rights of others and treat others with courtesy and consideration.
  - Communicate in an appropriate manner, which means I must not use foul or inappropriate language or gestures, harsh words or tone of voice.
  - Conduct myself responsibly. I understand that unwelcome teasing or other unkind behaviors are not allowed.
  - Refrain from deliberately causing bodily harm to other campers or staff. I understand that pushing, kicking, hitting, biting or fighting are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

- Respect the property of others and camp, which includes no stealing, property damage, graffiti or vandalism.
- Do not use equipment for anything other than its intended purpose during camp. Equipment may not be used to hit or touch another camper.
- Remain with the group and within the boundaries that have been set.
- Remember that physical displays of affection or of a romantic nature are not allowed under any circumstances.
- Be fully responsible for my actions and understand that irresponsible behavior will result in disciplinary action or dismissal from camp.
- Have lots of FUN, learn, grow and have a GREAT time!

## Full Value Contract

- On the first day of camp, Camp staff will collaborate with their campers on developing their Camp Group Full Value Contract (Five Finger Contract).
- This is group agreement on how they will keep each other and themselves safe during the camp.
- The Full Value Contract will cover the following Agreements:
  - Safety (Holistic)
  - Staying Committed to fun and the program.
  - Positive Intent and Atmosphere
  - Challenge By Choice; respecting theirs and other's choices.
  - Having Fun!

## Behavioral Expectations & Discipline Procedures

- At UC Irvine Campus Recreation Summer Youth Camps, we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, respectful, and positive environment for all campers and staff. Campers are expected to follow staff directions, participate safely, treat others with respect, and contribute positively to the camp community.
- Our discipline process is designed to support camper success through redirection, communication, and partnership with families.

## Discipline Procedures

- **Step 1: Verbal Warning & Redirection**
  - Camp staff will address behaviors through verbal reminders, redirection, and coaching to help campers make safe and appropriate choices.
- **Step 2: Participant Break/Behavior Support**
  - If behavior continues, campers may be temporarily removed from an activity, provided time to reset, or assigned an alternative activity before returning to the group.
- **Step 3: First Parent/Guardian Contact**
  - Parents/guardians will be informed of continued behavioral concerns either at pick-up or by phone/email.

- Staff will discuss strategies to support camper success moving forward.
- **Step 4: Second Parent/Guardian Contact**
  - If behaviors continue or escalate, parents/guardians may be contacted for immediate camper pick-up.
  - The camper may be suspended for the remainder of the day.
- **Step 5: Third Parent/Guardian Contact**
  - Continued or significant behavioral concerns may result in suspension from camp activities or dismissal from the remainder of the session and/or future participation eligibility.
- Camp Leadership reserves the right to accelerate the discipline process when behaviors compromise the safety, well-being, or experience of campers or staff.

### Accelerated Steps & Immediate Suspension

- Certain behaviors may result in immediate parent/guardian contact, suspension, or dismissal from camp.
- Examples may include:
  - Physical aggression or threats of harm
  - Bullying, harassment, or discriminatory behavior
  - Possession of prohibited or dangerous items
  - Behavior that endangers the safety of self or others
  - Theft, vandalism, or intentional property damage
  - Repeated severe disruption of camp activities.
- All behavioral situations are reviewed individually by Camp Leadership based on safety, severity, intent, and impact.

### Parent/Guardian Partnership

- Parents/guardians play an important role in supporting a successful camp experience.
- Families are expected to:
  - Review camp behavior expectations with their camper
  - Maintain respectful communication with campers, families, and staff
  - Complete required forms and communications in a timely manner
  - Communicate any camper support needs that may help staff create a successful camp experience.
- Failure to comply with camp policies or behavior expectations may result in suspension or dismissal from the program.

## HANDBOOK CONCLUSION

This Parent Handbook is intended to familiarize you with the policies, procedures, guidelines, and program offerings of all other youth programs offered through Campus Recreation. Please note that this handbook is not meant to be fully comprehensive. As a living document, it is subject to updates and changes at any time. These changes may modify, replace, or eliminate existing policies, guidelines, or programs without prior notice. While we strive to communicate updates promptly by posting revisions on our website at [campusrec.uci.edu/youth](https://campusrec.uci.edu/youth), please be aware that additions, alterations, or discontinuations may occur without prior announcement.