



Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) General Behavior Policy

CDSS believes that camp should be a safe, fun and educational experience *for all*. With those values in mind, we have created a behavior policy that mirrors these values. This policy is intended to encourage and foster the comfort and safety of all members of the Camp community.

In keeping with CDSS' goals, it is important that all campers and staff work to maintain a physically and emotionally safe and nurturing community in a manner that is consistent with learning, mutual respect and the fun-loving nature of the CDSS dance culture. In order to achieve this, it is imperative that all members of our community treat one another with respect and kindness, whether they are adult campers, Camp staff or children under the age of eighteen (18) years.

Emotional or Physical Harassment and Abuse: Violence, harassment and bullying of any kind will not be tolerated in the Camp environment. This includes unwanted physical actions, verbal statements, letters, e-mails or other electronic posts that are cruel and are directed from any member of the Camp environment to another member of the Camp environment.

Stealing or Malicious Destruction of Property: This will not be tolerated at any CDSS Camp and may result in dismissal from the current program and from future programs without refund of tuition or fees.

Firearms and Other Dangerous Weapons: These are strictly prohibited and may not be brought to any CDSS Camp. Possession of any such weapon shall be grounds for dismissal from the current program and from future programs without refund of tuition or fees.

Illegal Substances and Unprescribed Prescription Drugs: CDSS does not allow the possession or use of illegal substances and unprescribed prescription drugs at Camp.

Child Behavior in General (Under Age 18): Each child attending a CDSS camp event is the responsibility of his/her guardian. Any child attending Camp is expected to adhere to this behavior policy. If a child's behavior cannot be controlled or is repeatedly disruptive to other campers or to the Camp environment, he or she may be asked to leave in order to preserve the larger Camp community.

Violations of the CDSS behavior code that are brought to the attention of Camp staff shall be addressed on a case by case basis and any consequences shall be determined by the Camp Director or by the Executive Director of CDSS, as appropriate.