

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

The term “time-out” refers to giving the camper a chance to be removed from the conflict and gives them a chance to reflect on the problem. Only as a last resort and with guidance from the behavioral specialist or camp director, can punishment be used.

Steps to handling discipline problems with campers:

First: warning.

- Be sure the camper understands what is inappropriate.

Second: immediate time-out (five minutes).

- Remember, this only works if it is immediate and if someone sits down with the camper and explains what was inappropriate and how to avoid any future occurrences.

Third: time out with an attached consequence.

- Notify the behavior specialist. If the misbehavior poses a threat to either the child or others, the camp director and medical staff should be notified.

Continued correction: visit the behavioral specialist.

- The camp director, medical staff, and parent of the camper should be notified.
- The camper will set an oral contract with the behavior specialist spelling out the consequences of misbehavior.
- This encounter will be documented in the camper’s chart, including the misbehavior and agreed upon consequences.

If misbehavior continues, the behavioral specialist will establish a written behavioral plan with the camper and his or her counselor, the consequence of which is going home. If this does not correct the situation, the parents are called and the camper is sent home.

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