

Expectations at River City Adventures

At River City Adventures, we strive to be safe, respectful and responsible

To help the children this summer make River City Adventures (RCA) a safe, respectful and responsible place, we will teach and practice what that should look and sound like. We understand at RCA all children make mistakes and that's part of life! We also believe children are able to learn from them and build a positive environment. We turn these mistakes into learning opportunities to fix these mistakes by giving responsible consequences.

1. **You break it, you fix it** By letting children fix their mistakes this will give them the opportunity to learn.
Example:
 - If a child spills anything, the child cleans up the mess.
 - If a child breaks a rule or hurts a friend's feelings, they must find a way to "fix" the problem.
2. **Take a Break:** Take break time is used when a child is being disruptive to the group or is not able to cooperate. Each program site has a designated spot where the children can go when they need to take a break. When they go to this spot they will take time to come up with a plan to change that behavior before returning to the group. If a child knows or feels like they are getting angry and can't handle themselves in the group, they can themselves go to the take the break area to calm down.
3. **Loss of Privilege:** If a child uses materials or equipment inappropriately or behaves in an unsafe way, he/she may lose the privilege to use those materials or participate in an activity. Example:
 - If a child does not listen to the leader that it is time to come in from the playground for an activity they may need to come in earlier next time or lose the privilege of doing that activity
 - If a child does not pick up after themselves after they are done playing with the hula hoops he/she may lose the privilege of being able to play with those hula hoops the next day.
4. **Incident Form:** In some cases if a child is being disrespectful, hurtful, or unsafe the leader at the site may fill out an Incident Form. The leader will submit this form to their supervisor to see what the situation is and what further action, if any, needs to be taken.

Incentives

We believe at RCA it is valuable for children to be motivated and that they want to do what is right. As part of our RCA behavior goal, we will work towards having special events as a reward for positive behaviors.

Thank you for your support in building a positive environment for the kids. **The River City Adventures Expectations Matrix is included on the back.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. 😊

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