



## 2023 Code of Conduct Statement

1. For the safety of and wellness of all participants, a completed and signed STEM Summer Adventure (SSA) Health History and Authorization Form is required for participation in SSA programs. In addition, a completed and signed STEM Summer Adventure (SSA) Medication Authorization Form must be turned in at the registration table upon arrival at the SSA event.
2. Participants should attend and be actively involved in all scheduled activities as part of the SSA program/event. Curfew is to be followed as specified in the schedule for overnight events. Failure to be in assigned locations may lead to dismissal from SSA.
3. Visitors to SSA sessions must check-in with the Program Coordinator, or assigned designee, in charge of the SSA session upon arrival.
4. Participants should remain at a SSA session until the program/event is scheduled to end. Participants may not leave a SSA session without prior permission from the Program Coordinator, Instructor or assigned designee, in charge of the SSA session. Participants may only be picked up from a SSA session by the person(s) designated on the SSA Health History and Authorization Form. Photo ID will be required at the time of pick-up.
5. Participants are expected to follow the directions of SSA interns and instructors. All SSA participants are under the supervision of the Program Coordinator, Instructor or assigned designee, responsible for the SSA session.
6. Participants should respect the property of others. Deliberate destruction or unauthorized removal of property from facilities is not permitted. Financial responsibility for any damage caused by deliberate destruction or removal of property will be assumed by the participant and/or parents/guardians. The same applies to the property and personal items of other participants.
7. Participants should treat all others and themselves with respect. Aggressive, abusive, disrespectful, vulgar, or violent language and behavior towards others (ex: fighting, threats, insults, bullying, cursing, discrimination, etc.) will not be tolerated.
8. Participants should respect the privacy of others.
9. Participants are expected to dress appropriately based upon the guidelines established for the SSA session.
10. Possession, distribution, or use of fireworks, weapons, knives, or other items that can be used as a weapon are not permitted at SSA sessions and/ or on the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) property.
11. Possession, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco products, and unauthorized prescription drugs are not allowed at any SSA session and must be reported to law enforcement. IALR reserves the right to conduct a search of a participant's outer clothing and personal belongings if there is "reasonable suspicion" that the participant has drugs, alcohol, or weapons.

12. Animals and pets are not allowed at SSA sessions unless needed to accommodate a disability or as part of an organized program, or through specific authorization from the SSA Program Coordinator, Instructor or assigned designee, in charge of SSA. Animals that are used as part of a SSA program should always be provided with proper care.
13. Electronic and mechanical devices (ex: cellular phones, pagers, walkie-talkies, video games, radios, CD players, TV's, laptop computers, etc.) are not allowed at a SSA programs/events unless they are needed as part of an organized SSA session or with authorization from the Program Coordinator, Instructor or assigned designee, in charge of SSA. Without authorizations, these items will be confiscated and returned to the participant (or the participants' parents/guardians) at the end of the program.
14. Participants acknowledge and understand that some activities may involve inherent risks. Participants acknowledge that they can opt out of any activity offered and agree that if they choose to participate in any particular activity that they are assuming all risks associated with that activity and agree, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to hold IALR and its agents and employees harmless for any personal injury or property damage arising from their participation. Masks will be required during camp participation.

**Consequences**

Unacceptable behavior during a SSA program/event will result in consequences to the participant.

Consequences may include:

1. early release from SSA session without refund,
2. restitution or repayment of damages,
3. denial of future participation in SSA sessions,
4. forfeiture of financial support for a SSA session,
5. reporting the participant to the appropriate law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities.

*NOTE: Any conduct not specifically covered by this Code of Conduct, but deemed inappropriate by those responsible for the SSA session will be viewed as a violation and appropriate action will be taken. If an infraction occurs, the person in charge of the SSA session will provide appropriate communication to parents/guardians.*

**Signature(s)**

(Both Participant and Parent/Guardian signatures are required for participants under 18 years old.)

*I have read and understand the above "Code of Conduct" and will abide by the expectations described in the Code of Conduct. I understand that if I act inappropriately I will have to accept responsibility for my actions that may result in the consequences listed above.*

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Participant Signature

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Date

*I have discussed and reviewed this Code of Conduct with my child. I understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in the consequences listed above which includes no refund. In the event that this code is violated, I agree to report to the SSA program site immediately to pick up my child at the request of the adult in charge of the SSA session. I further understand that if I refuse to pick up my child, am unavailable, or fail to make timely arrangements to retrieve my child, SSA staff may contact law enforcement or social services to provide necessary protection for a child in need of services. I acknowledge responsibility for all fees/charges that may result from said services.*

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Parent/Guardian Signature (for participants under 18 years old)

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Date

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