

**2009-2010**

**AFTERCARE EXPRESS BEHAVIOR CONTRACT**

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus (Luke 10.27)*

**PARENTS: It is our goal to provide a safe environment that nurtures children and supports families. We want to teach and help children to develop healthy life skills and behavior patterns, including cooperation, conflict resolution, responsibility, and problem solving, while giving them freedom to make choices, to explore their interests and to express themselves. We ask that you review this with your child and help your child understand that when children learn to make RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE, AND CARING choices it will help them for a lifetime.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name of child), as a participant of Aftercare Express, will learn to use my **words and actions** to be respectful, responsible, safe, and caring.

1. I will show respect to God and people – including the crew director, crew leaders, crew members (children), and myself.
2. I will follow the **rules of safety** which help protect me and others, **including, I will ONLY be in areas with supervision, or where a staff member can see me, until I am released with my parent/guardian’s approval.**
3. I will be helpful and not hurtful.
4. I will learn to express my thoughts and feelings respectfully and to listen while others express their thoughts and feelings.
5. **I will not BULLY by physically hurting others, calling hurtful names, writing hurtful words to or about someone, leaving someone out, getting others to join together to hurt someone, or threaten to do so for any reason.**
6. **Conflict resolution:** I will try to resolve conflicts with others peacefully, while standing up for myself. I will use my words to express myself and also listen to what others say. I will consider others’ feelings. I will not say or do something that would harm me or another in order to get my way. If I don’t think I can do this, I will ask a crew leader to help me or I will remove myself from the situation until I am able to do so. If I think someone might hurt me or another, I will ask a crew leader for help. I will try to forgive and to accept forgiveness.
7. I will treat our space and all that is in it with care. I will be careful and I will clean up after myself.
8. I will take responsibility for my words and actions.

If I behave in a respectful, safe, and caring manner -

- I will not be as likely to be hurt or to hurt someone else.
- Others may **want** to play with me.
- I will have more fun in aftercare.
- My friends and I will have more freedom and time to explore our interests.
- I will develop the ability to control my emotions and actions.
- I will learn how to solve problems and take good care of myself and others.
- I will help the world to be a better place.
- My parents, crew leaders, and I will be proud of me.

If I do not behave in a respectful, safe, and caring manner, the crew leaders will try to help me learn to do so.

- I may be reminded to change my behavior, or to talk about what other choices I could make.
- I may lose my freedom to make choices or to enjoy a privilege for a time.
- I may not be able to play with my friends for a while, or to choose an activity I would like.
- I may need to sit apart from others while I calm down or to play in another area.
- I may need to make up for something I have done, such as clean up a mess I made, make an apology or any combination of the above.

Although a certain amount of wear and tear of building space and materials is expected, in cases of behavior leading to extreme harm or damages, including harm of other children and their belongings, or breaking valuable equipment, my parents and I will be expected to compensate for these damages.

If my misbehavior becomes repetitive or harmful, a Director/Parent Conference will be held to work out a solution. If disrespectful, irresponsible, dangerous or harmful behavior continues, or is a threat to the safety or well being of myself and/or others, I may be not be allowed to return to Aftercare Express. Examples include, but are not limited to unprovoked physical violence, persistent bullying, continuing to use words to put down peers or staff, and leaving the grounds of the program without permission. **The Director reserves the right to remove a student or family from AFTERCARE EXPRESS.**

**I have read this agreement or had it read and explained to me. I understand this agreement. I have a copy of this agreement and will honor this agreement.**

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Child’s Signature and Date

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Parent’s Signature and Date