Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory
Code of Conduct for Campers

To promote safety and a camp culture of respect and inclusion, Dyer has created a code of expected conduct for camp participants. This Code of Conduct is a contractual agreement accepted by Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory camp students and their parents/guardian who commit to the Dyer Observatory Summer Camp program. The Code shall guide behavior during the camp. The primary purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all camp participants. If there are any questions about these expectations, we encourage you to discuss them with the camp leaders.

Prohibited Activities and/or Behaviors

The following activities and/or behaviors pose significant risks to students and the broader community and are strictly prohibited. Students who engage in these prohibited activities and/or behaviors may be subject to immediate dismissal from the program without refund.

- Insubordination
- Violating the rights of others, including bullying (physical, verbal, cyber such as through social media, texting apps or otherwise)
- Minor ongoing disruptions to the Dyer community
- Violations of technology, social media or honor codes
- Damage, vandalism, littering, or theft of Vanderbilt University property, property of a University community member or campus visitor, or other property used during Dyer camp
- Pranks and practical jokes with malicious intent or that pose a threat to student safety
- Possession or use of incendiary devices or weapons
- Tampering with fire alarms or other emergency equipment
- Misuse or distribution of medications/drugs, or using tobacco, vaping products, or alcohol
- Inappropriately touching other students, including inappropriate displays of affection
- Putting self or others at undue risk for emotional or physical harm
- Violence of any kind, including without limitation: fighting, assault, sexual harassment, and physical or verbal intimidation including racial slurs or inappropriate language
- Violations of rules established during the program
- Violation of federal or state laws

Dress Code

Vanderbilt is an academic environment that requires a casual but appropriate dress code. We ask that students use good judgment. If clothing is distracting, students will be asked to change. Nashville is hot outside in the summer, but inside is often cool with ample air conditioning. Be comfortable and bring layers!

General Guidelines

- Tops and bottoms must meet—no stomachs showing.
- Clothing should not be revealing.
- Underwear must be completely covered.
- Shorts or skirts must be an appropriate length (good rule of thumb for skirt/shorts lengths: when standing with arms hanging at your sides, make a fist. Skirts and shorts ideally should be even with or
• All shirts must have two straps or sleeves. Shirts should not be low-cut.
• Clothing must not display profanity or offensive or controversial slogans/symbols/graphics.
• Shoes must cover the whole foot for observatory and grounds safety—no flip-flops or sandals.

Cell Phone Policy

Students may bring cell phones, but we ask that students NOT bring a computer. Vanderbilt University is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. Cell phones can be both a distraction from learning and an obstacle to community building, so we ask that students limit their use.

• Use of cell phones is prohibited within the classroom setting unless specified by an instructor or for educational purposes such as research or photographing an experiment.
• Students must turn off/silence and stow their electronic devices when they are asked to do so.
• Students may use their cell phones during free time and are expected to follow the same policies regarding use.
• Under no circumstances is a camper to access any app or website that disrupts the class or is inappropriate in nature.

Use of cell phones in violation of these guidelines will result in confiscation of the device and parents will be notified.

Social Media

Staff and students are prohibited from social media communication on their personal social media pages. Please discuss this policy with your student as this is part of our protection of minors safety procedures. On their own or the public pages, under no circumstances should students post inappropriate material, photos, or comments concerning other campers or staff members. Additionally, obscene, malicious, illegal or inappropriate gestures, language, jokes, comments, photos, innuendoes or other information that could be construed as such—whether with malicious intent or not—are subject to disciplinary action, including immediate dismissal. This includes postings on public access websites, social media, apps, small group chat rooms, group apps, and the like.

SIGNATURES

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and expectations outlined above. I understand and agree to follow the expectations as stated and that any behavior on my part, or the part of my minor child that contradicts any portion of these standards is grounds for removal from the Vanderbilt University Dyer Observatory Summer Space Science Camp.

For parents of participants, if you have any concerns with behavior violating these conduct codes or treatment toward your camper by staff or other campers, please bring that to the attention of the Camp Director as soon as possible, so those concerns may be addressed and resolved in a timely manner.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date