Stella's Eco Stars:
Wesley's Island Eco Camp **2021**
Safety & Behavior Protocols

Parents/Guardians,
Please review our safety and behavior expectations with your camper. If you have any concerns, please let us know and we can work through them together. Safety is our primary concern. We are looking forward to a safe and very exciting year for camp!

Mission:
Reaching young people and connecting them to their natural resources through offering a summer camp focused on environmental education and hands on experience. Wesley's Island Eco Camp incorporates marine biology, art, oceanography, ecology, technology, and community involvement.

Requirements:
- All registration forms
- Camper health conditions/care information
- Permission to provide care
- Emergency contacts
- Waivers signed
- Photographic release
- Child must be signed in/out by described guardian
- All forms must be submitted prior to participation

Aquatic requirements/expectations:
- Ability to swim 50 yards unassisted and tread water for 1-2 minutes to ensure abilities are consistent with water activities. **Exceptions to be discussed.
- Wear life jackets approved by US Coast Guard while performing activities with this requirement.
- Buddy system must be in place while at camp and activity is performed.
- No diving or unattended swimming in any body of water.
- Attention must be given to all safety regulations, recovery and emergency procedure trainings.
- Parents are given detailed itinerary of daily destinations, including arrival and departure times, weather and emergency options and staff contact numbers.
- All vehicles must be boarded and departed safely from designated areas as discussed and seat belt requirements must be respected.
- Parents will be notified if campers will be delayed more than 15 minutes.
- All attendees will be verified before any departure/arrival.

Severe weather procedures:

- Any indication of lightning will initiate cancellation of water activities and campers will be moved to safe shelter until a considerable amount of time and weather forecasting deems lightning has ended.
- Tornado warnings/watch campers will be removed from any water activity and brought to a place of shelter, the lowest most interior part of the building away from windows, doors, or any dangerous zone. Clearance from the National Weather Service will permit activities.

Accidental Injury, illness or incident:

- Staff will immediately call 911 and assist with the situation as to the best of their ability.
- Parents will be notified immediately.
- All expenses incurred as a result of a camper requiring medical attention are the sole responsibility of the parent/natural/legal guardian.
- Minor illnesses not requiring 911 will be cared for by staff with basic first aid and parents will be notified as soon as possible.
- Any minor illness that requires camper to be picked up due to not being able to complete the remainder of the activity will require parent/legal/natural guardian to pick them up or make such arrangements.
- **No child will be permitted to participate if they have what is considered an elevated temperature (fever), in consideration of Covid-19 pandemic.**

Behavioral expectations:

- Staff is expected to use positive behavior management to provide a safe physical and emotional experience.
- Campers should show compliance with activities and treat everyone with respect and dignity.
- Verbal threats, abusive language, destructive or disruptive behavior will not be permitted.
- Unsafe activities will not be permitted.

- Inappropriate behavior will result in the following consequences:
  - 1st incident: verbal redirection
  - 2nd incident: 1 day suspension from camp
  - 3rd incident: expulsion from summer camp

Nearest Hospital: Lawnwood Regional Medical Center

Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute
1700 S 23rd St
Fort Pierce, FL 34950
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