

## **Behavior Agreement**

Our overarching guideline for participants in Summer Field Studies is respect. We expect that participants will listen to the staff members, follow safety guidelines, and treat each other and the environment around them kindly.

Our goal at Summer Field Studies is to help participants increase their knowledge and appreciation of the natural environment. To do so, we believe that it is necessary to give thoughtful attention to the child's social and emotional well-being. An integral part of this well-being is the behavior of the child within a small group.

Our staff is experienced and trained in positive discipline. We keep in mind that the child is good, even if the behavior is inappropriate, and coach participants to behave in ways that are safe and respectful. We find that most children have a wonderful time, and that our days run smoothly, but we do on occasion come upon problematic behavior. We are interested in discussing any behavioral issues with parents before or during the program. Please come to us with concerns about the behavior of your child or other participants.

Our staff may ask for advice or support from the parents if they are feeling challenged by a particular behavior. Before the program, it is helpful for staff to be alerted of special needs, including those that have impact on a child's behavior. It is also helpful when parents share with us strategies that work well with their child, and when applicable, give us permission to talk with school or other professionals who have worked with their child.

Please let us know that both you and your child have read and spoken about expected behaviors by signing below.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Child's Signature

**Please return to:**  
Summer Field Studies  
Dorr Museum of Natural History  
College of the Atlantic  
105 Eden Street  
Bar Harbor, ME 04609