



Riverside County  
Regional Park and Open-Space District

## Participant Code of Conduct

*Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District adheres to the highest standards of integrity and honesty in all public and personal activities to inspire public confidence and trust. RivCoParks is helping build thriving communities interpretive programming, recreation activities, and special events.*

Recreation programs are designed to offer participants an opportunity to meet other people with similar interests and try out an activity in a fun, safe environment. All participants in recreation programs must abide by these basic behavior standards. We encourage parents or guardians to review and discuss the behavior standards with their children who participate in our programs. Adult participants in our programs are held to the same standards. Your voluntary participation in our programs is your consent to follow these behavior standards and consequences.

### Expectations:

- Every participant in the program is expected to exercise respect. This includes, but is not limited to themselves, other participants, staff members, instructors, other park users and school district staff.
- Participants must be respectful of District property, and abide by site rules, which are otherwise listed on site.
- Every participant in the program is expected to be an active listener.
- Every participant in the program is expected to know and understand the rules associated with the activity and follow them. Ask the staff member, instructor or volunteer if you are unaware of the rules regarding the activity.
- Every participant in the program is expected to cooperate with program operations.
- Every participant in the program is expected to communicate in an appropriate manner. Harsh verbal words, tone of voice, foul language, sexually inappropriate behavior, or gestures will not be tolerated.
- Every participant in the program is expected to express civil conduct. If physical contact is made with another person, it must be a welcome gesture and appropriate. Horseplay, unwelcome teasing, pushing, kicking, hitting or fighting, etc., will not be tolerated and may result in suspension or expulsion from the program.
- Participants have the right to participate in an environment where all participants can achieve their full potential without being impeded by discrimination or harassment based on race, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, political affiliation, veteran's status, disability, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by applicable federal, state or local nondiscrimination laws.
- Every participant in the program is expected to exercise an attitude that elicits good will toward others and program activities.
- Every participant in the program is expected to promote and support a safe, fun, and healthy environment through productive participation.



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**Consequences:**

Any participant who engages in discriminatory, harassing, or otherwise objectionable behavior is subject to disciplinary action and removal from the program. When a participant's behavior, adult or child, is deemed inappropriate, they will be dealt with using the following steps:

1. If a participant displays inappropriate behavior, staff members will verbally request that the behavior be discontinued. Adults are expected to comply with the request. If the participant is a child, and the behavior does not stop, the staff will implement a time-out. Time-outs are given appropriate to the child's age, ability and the severity of the inappropriate behavior. If the child's behavior reoccurs or escalates, the parents will be notified immediately and the child will be removed from the program for that day.
2. If a participant's unacceptable behavior continues on a regular basis, staff members, the instructor and the participant (and their parent if the participant is a minor) will meet. A written report will be filed, stating the inappropriate behaviors already demonstrated and the expected changes for the next program meeting date.
3. One more incidents of unacceptable behavior will result in the participant's removal from the program for a specified period of time, or permanently, depending on the severity of the behavior.

\*\*In extreme cases of unacceptable behavior that is physically threatening to other participants or staff, the District reserves the right to immediately remove a participant from a program.

**By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the code of conduct and agree that the user group I represent will abide by its contents.**

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Participant Print Name

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Participant Signature

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Date