

CHARLOTTE'S CIRCLE RULES - CHILDREN

Behavior.

We guide our behavior by recognizing we are all God's children and treat each other in a way that would honor that recognition.

Encourage one another. Use kind words. Remember that if there is something you notice about a person that cannot be changed in thirty (30) seconds or less then it does not have to be said. Use respectful language to communicate.

Do not kick, hit, spit, use objects, or otherwise disrespect someone's body with unwelcome touch. When playing games, we are not playing games that intentionally exclude others or treat groups unfairly.

If a conflict arises, the goal is to solve your issues through active listening, respect, and determining an action plan moving forward. This means you must make your issue known to the person and discuss how to resolve it. If you are unable to resolve the issue, please advise Ms. Roxanne or, if she is absent, the assigned responsible adult that day and she will help guide the resolution. Any conflict should resolve with repentance of the behavior ("I'm sorry for ___") and forgiveness ("I forgive you for ___"). When that happens we move on and start with a clean slate. If that is unable to happen (e.g. child/ren need more time to process) then the parent will remain with the child for the remainder of the time until this process can occur.

Children should report any safety issues (e.g. someone is hurt, in a dangerous situation, etc.) to an adult.

When speaking to an adult, please refer to them as Ms./Mr. [first name].

Although we are outside and can speak loudly, screaming is not okay. Screaming is used for emergencies only and not play.

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Physical boundaries and our environment.

Obey the rules of the day. The boundaries, rules about nature, etc. will change dependent on the environment and will be told to the children at the start of our meetup. If the rules for the day must be repeated to you more than three (3) times, you will need to spend the remainder of the time near your parent.

If an adult, not part of our group, approaches you, please advise an adult immediately.

Do not run with play sticks or use them as weapons against each other. Do not throw rocks, sand, dirt, mulch, etc. in the direction of another person. Older kids should be mindful of the physical safety of younger children around them.

“Leave no trace.” This means, leave nature the way you found it or better. We can make and build but please respect our environment. Please do not destroy or erode our environment. If you are unsure whether your behavior or actions comport with this guideline, please ask an adult.

Family name

Child's endorsement and date

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