

Great Basin Naturalists at Galena

Exploration Camp Rules & Regulations



This is an experience that your child will remember for a long time. For some, this may inspire a new passion, career goal, or way of life. The Great Basin Naturalists are only with your child for a short period of time, as a parent, you have an impact on your child's life every day. They are constantly watching and learning from you. In order for your child to have a positive outdoor experience, we ask that you keep the following rules in mind during the week of camp.

Camp staff will make every attempt to work with campers to ensure a safe, fun, inclusive learning experience. These rules will be reviewed on the first day of, and throughout, each session. Campers are expected to follow the rules listed below. Please review these camp rules and regulations with your child prior to their session.

1. Formal camp programming begins every week-day at 9:00am and ends at 5:00pm. Early drop off begins at 8:00am, and late pick up runs until 5:30pm.
2. Pack lunches with reusable containers. Even during lunch, we are keeping the health of our natural resources in mind.
3. Notify the Naturalists of any illness, injury, or special needs. We will do our best to accommodate every child. Please take necessary precautions such as supplying your child with tissues and hand sanitizer.
4. First Aid kits are always carried with every Naturalist. We obviously try to avoid injuries at all costs, but kids will be kids. We will notify you of any injuries that occurs during camp.
5. Campers will wear closed-toes shoes at all times.
6. No one is allowed to leave the program area without permission. Campers must be within sight of camp staff at all times. If a camper needs to leave the group for an approved reason (restroom break, filling water bottle) they must inform their group counselors and stay in a minimum of a group of three.
7. All campers will stay away from any natural or manmade water features unless being supervised by an adult camp staff member. Campers will not wade any deeper than allowed by camp staff at any time.
8. Campers are required to pick up their own trash and assist in activity clean-up.
9. No electronic equipment, including cell phones, are allowed.
10. Great Basin Naturalists has a zero tolerance for disrespectful behavior towards other campers or camp staff, including profanity, bullying language and behavior. Naturalists will dismiss children from activities and children may be sent home.
11. No use of tobacco, intoxicants, firearms, fireworks are permitted. Campers will not bring any material that may be a hazard to themselves, other campers, camp staff, or park visitors. Please do not bring pocket-knives, lighters or matches to camp. Camp staff will provide all outdoor survival supplies necessary for programming.
12. Wrestling, horseplay, tackle football, dodge ball, pushing, hitting, or any other activity that puts camper safety at risk is not permitted.
13. Counselors and special presenters have been carefully selected and their instructions are to be respected at all times.
14. Campers must arrive at camp with sunscreen already applied.
15. Bring a water bottle every day and carry it with you everywhere (with water in it). Wear clothing that is appropriate for playing, hiking and getting dirty!
16. Galena Creek Recreation Area is a public lands site. All campers will practice Leave No Trace ethics and be respectful to park visitors and park staff.
17. Be engaged. If you are interested in learning more about the environment yourself, maybe your child can teach you something they learned at camp. We specifically try to plan activities that can be easily replicated at home. Show your child that you are into their experience and discovery. They are always watching and learning from you.

Please sign and make a copy for your personal records. Return the original, signed form to the Galena Creek Visitor Center or mail to: 16750 Mt. Rose Hwy, Ste 101, Reno, NV 89511.

I agree that I _____ (camper name) will adhere to all program rules and regulations outlined on this document and by the staff of Great Basin Naturalists at Galena Exploration Camp.

I _____ (parent/guardian) have read the rules and regulations of the Great Basin Naturalists at Galena Exploration Camp and have reviewed them with my child. I understand that at any point if my child poses a safety risk to themselves or others that they may be "sent home" for the day, or dismissed for the remainder of the session with no refund of camp fees.

Signed (camper)

Signed (parent/guardian)