



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to have your child participate in our annual July/August Vacation Camps. NIHERST is committed to providing a safe environment and an enjoyable experience for your child; however campers and parents are also responsible for assisting in these efforts. We ask that you read the **PARENT/GUARDIAN GUIDELINES** and also review the **CODE OF CONDUCT** with your child.

PARENT/GUARDIAN GUIDELINES

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Each camp day starts at 9:00am and ends at 3:00pm. Supervision will be provided for campers dropped off at each camp venue as early as 8:00am. All campers must be picked up by their parent/guardian **no later than 4:30pm**. It is strongly advised that no child remain at the camp venue after **5:00pm** as supervision **is not guaranteed**. If the late pick up of a camper is foreseen, we kindly ask that you contact Camp Administration as soon as possible.

CAMP FEES

The camp registration fee covers the duration of the respective camp and is inclusive of materials and transportation for field trips etc. It **does not include** meals and parents are asked to provide a healthy packed lunch, snacks and a bottle of water. At the National Science Centre, food and snacks can be purchased at the cafeteria. If lunch is required, parents can place an order with the cafeteria staff the morning of. A change of clothes is recommended for campers registered with **Funology (5—7 years)**. Parents are reminded to clearly label all items that campers bring to the camp e.g. lunch kits, backpacks sweater etc.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips may be organised as part of the schedule of activities for the camp. Permission slips will be sent to parents with more details on the specific field trip.

DRESS CODE

Campers should wear comfortable footwear preferably closed-toe shoes for sporting activities which may take place throughout the duration of the camp. Campers are expected to wear appropriate clothing.

FEMALE: Spaghetti/thin strapped tops, strapless/tube tops, revealing low cut tops, short shorts or very short skirts **are not allowed**. If leggings or tights are being worn, tops should be of an appropriate length.

MALE: Vests, very baggy/saggy/tight pants and excessive jewellery **are not allowed**.

NOTE: Hats can be worn to and from camp and during outdoor activities but not indoors.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices of any kind (iPads, PSP, Nintendo DS etc.) are NOT allowed at camp. NIHERST will not be responsible for the damage to/theft of/loss of these items at the camp site.

Students who need to bring mobile phones will not be allowed to use them during camp hours without permission from Camp Administration.

CAMPER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

BEHAVIOUR

1. Campers should accept and get along with fellow campers and be sensitive to others with respect to race, religion, physical characteristics and language. Teasing, practical jokes, insults, ethnic and religious slurs, obscene language etc. will not be tolerated from any camper.
2. Campers must respect others (campers, camp officials and guests) and their personal space. Campers must refrain from touching others in harmful or inappropriate ways as well as excessive touching or signs of affection towards campers and members of staff.
3. Campers must respect the property/belongings of others. Campers who steal or maliciously vandalise NIHERST property and/or external camp venues will be required to replace the damaged/stolen item at the parent/guardian's expense. In the case of theft it may warrant immediate dismissal from the camp depending on the severity of the incident.
4. Campers must follow directions the first time they are given by counsellors, as they are for the safety of everyone on the camp site.
5. Campers must pay attention to their surroundings and use care in all activities.
6. Campers must adhere to all safety rules and regulations given for each activity and while using equipment related to the sessions that he/she participates in while at camp.
7. Campers must inform staff/counsellors if they are experiencing a problem with a fellow camper or any other issue. If we are not informed about a problem we cannot stop the problem or assist the camper.
8. All campers are expected to observe the guidelines set forth in the **CAMPER'S CODE OF CONDUCT** as well as be prepared to learn and participate in all camp activities.

Violation of the CODE OF CONDUCT can be grounds for automatic dismissal from the camp. Refunds are not given when a camper is dismissed from the programme.