



OCH Nature Classes

Participant Code of Conduct

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OCH strives to provide the best program and experience to their students and participants. This goal can only be attained and reach its full potential if all participants (student, parent/guardian, instructors/staff) comply with our basic Code of Conduct Rules. Each Code (A-L) is part of what we believe is common sense and basic good manners but we are detailing them here to make sure all participants are fully informed and willing to accept OCH's code of conduct so our programs run smoothly.

- A. Demonstrate **respect** for self and others (keep hands to yourself, do not grab, pull or push, or hit others, do not yell or speak when others are speaking).
- B. Demonstrate courtesy to others (other students, parents, instructors and staff, wildlife). OCH will facilitate the development of self-discipline in students, neglecting to address minor unacceptable behaviors such as rudeness and other disruptive actions may lead to more serious behaviors.
- C. Respect other's **property**. You should not use others materials unless expressly given permission to do so.
- D. Behave in a **responsible** manner (treat self, students, parents, instructors and staff, and wildlife in a kind and thoughtful manner).
- E. Attend class regularly and arrive **on time**. Nature courses will begin promptly at listed start time.
- F. Be **prepared** for class (do your assignments before programs so that you are prepared for program and can get the most out of the field study)
- G. Take seriously the course of study (although OCH believes in free play and unstructured learning, our programs are designed for learning).
- H. **Dress appropriately**. Programs are outdoors in wild areas, we need all participants to come prepared in protective clothing (pants, shirts, and closed-toed shoes, hats, and sunscreen).
- I. Bring necessary items for program. All participants should bring their own reusable water bottles with water, snacks, sunscreen, hats, glasses, and necessary medications to go on planned outing.
- J. **Cooperate** with OCH educators and staff. OCH staff will give outline of program including any dangers that might be present. It is important to pay attention and do as the instructor says to stay safe.
- K. **Respect** the habitat you are in and the wildlife that use it. We explicitly require that all participants **do not touch wildlife**. This action could be bad for the species and dangerous to self, others, and wildlife.
- L. OCH will take into account any disability of the student when addressing misbehavior.

Minor Offences (3 warnings):



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These consists of behaviors or actions which are disrespectful and/or disruptive to self, other class participants, OCH instructors or staff, and/or the program or event in general.

1. 1st offence – written or in person warning of infraction and discussion of desired behavior.
2. 2nd offence and temporary removal – written or in person warning, removal from activity for the day.
OCH instructors/staff will remove from OCH's course program any student who repeatedly or substantially interferes with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the students in the class or with the ability of the other students to learn.
3. 3rd offence and permanent removal – written or in person warning, permanent removal from program with prorated or no refund.

Major Offences (2 Warnings):

These consist of behaviors or actions which are blatantly against the OCH Course Conduct and potentially could cause harm to self, other participants, OCH instructors and staff, or the environment and wildlife. These major infractions require prompt removal of dangerous and chronically disruptive students from the learning environment.

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2. 2nd offence and permanent removal – written or in person warning, permanent removal from program with prorated or no refund.