

## Santa Monica Mountains Institute Student Contract

Santa Monica Mountains Institute is committed to providing participants with new experiences, fun learning opportunities, and safe adventures. In order to attend Santa Monica Mountains Institute, each student must make a commitment to adhere to the guidelines listed below.

Please discuss the list of expectations with the students in your group. In order to attend Santa Monica Mountains Institute, each member of the group must agree to abide by the terms of this contract. Each member of the group must sign the bottom of the contract to show that s/he understands these terms.

## **General Agreements**

I understand that a violation of the following agreements may result in a trip home at my parent/guardian's expense.

- I agree to participate in the program at Santa Monica Mountains Institute.
- I agree to be on time for scheduled meetings and events.
- I agree to respect the privacy, property, and feelings of others. I understand that we will be living together in tents and sharing the campus.
- I agree to treat my fellow students, chaperones, and educators with respect. I understand that how I talk to people is important and I will communicate respectfully. I will do my best to pay attention when someone is talking to me, whether it's a chaperone, a Santa Monica Mountains Institute educator, or my classmate.
- I agree to follow my CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST and bring the things I'll need for my trip. (raingear, water bottles, extra clothes, etc.)
- I agree to stay out of other students' tents.
- I understand that lights out is at 10:00 pm. I agree to be quiet and respectful in the evening so that others are able to sleep.
- I agree to keep food out of my tent. I will give any leftover food from the Santa Monica Mountains Institute group lunches to my Educators at the end of the day. I will not bring candy, snacks, chewing gum, etc.
- I will not bring an ipod, cell phone, or any other prohibited electronic devices.

## **Bottom-Line Agreements**

I understand that a violation of any one of the following agreements may result in a trip home at my parent/guardian's expense.

- I agree not to cause physical or emotional harm or threaten any other person.
- I agree not to discriminate against people because of their race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, language, physical appearance, or special needs.
- I agree to respect the Santa Monica Mountains Institute campus and the natural world, and refrain from any acts of vandalism.
- I understand that it is **extremely important** to be safe on the trails and on campus. I will participate in a way that will keep the group and myself safe by following all of the trail and campus rules.



- I agree to refrain from bringing or using non-prescription drugs, cigarettes, weapons, and/or alcohol at Santa Monica Mountains Institute.
- I agree to always let a chaperone/educator know where I am and never wander off alone.

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| I have read the Santa Monica Mountains<br>Institute Student Contract and agree to follow<br>its guidelines. | 21. |  |
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