

Santa Monica Mountains Institute Group Contract for Students

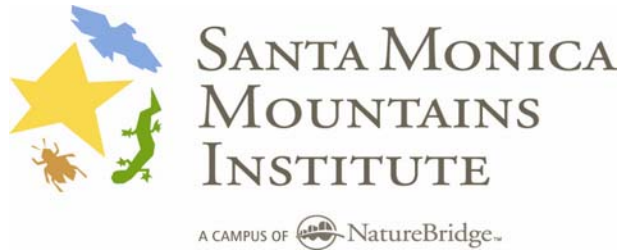
Santa Monica Mountains Institute is committed to providing participants with new experiences, fun learning opportunities, and safe adventures. In order to attend Santa Monica Mountains Institute, each student must make a commitment to adhere to the guidelines listed below.

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 **gross or repeated violation** of any of the following agreements may result in expulsion from Santa Monica Mountains Institute. The trip home will be at my parent/guardian's expense.

- I will participate in the program at Santa Monica Mountains Institute.
- I will be on time for scheduled meetings and events.
- I will respect the privacy, property, and feelings of others. I understand that we will be living together in tents and sharing the campus facilities.
- I will 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 will follow my CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST and bring the things I'll need for my trip. (raingear, water bottles, extra clothes, etc.)
- I will only go in my own tent. I understand that other students' tents are off-limits.
- I understand that lights out is at **10:00 pm**. I will be quiet and respectful in the evening so that others are able to sleep.
- I will keep food out of my tent. I will give any leftover food from the Santa Monica Mountains Institute group lunches to my educators. I will not bring candy, snacks, chewing gum, etc. to Santa Monica Mountains Institute.



Bottom-Line Agreements

I understand that a violation of any of the following agreements may result in expulsion from Santa Monica Mountains Institute. The trip home will be at my parent/guardian's expense.

- I will not cause physical/emotional harm or threaten another person.
- I will not discriminate against people because of their race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, language, physical appearance, or special needs.
- I will respect the Santa Monica Mountains Institute campus and the natural world. I will 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 keeps the group and me safe. I will follow all of the trail and campus rules.
- I will not bring (or use) non-prescription drugs, cigarettes, weapons, and/or alcohol at Santa Monica Mountains Institute.
- I will always let a chaperone know where I am. I will never wander off or leave the group without permission from a chaperone and/or educator.

I have read the Santa Monica Mountains Institute Student Contract and agree to follow its guidelines.

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