

Nelipots in Nature: Code of Conduct

Ethical Responsibilities to Children

Nelipots is committed to providing a safe, healthy, nurturing, and responsive learning environment for every child. We support each child's development and learning while honoring individual differences. Our program promotes cooperation, self-awareness, resilience, competence, self-worth, and physical well-being.

All Nelipots members are expected to uphold the highest standards of care and shall not engage in any practices that are emotionally damaging, physically harmful, disrespectful, degrading, dangerous, exploitative, or intimidating. We are dedicated to creating positive emotional and social environments that respect and affirm each child's cultural background, language, ethnicity, and family structure.

Academic Expectations

Nelipots in Nature is not a school and does not assume responsibility for meeting any legal educational requirements. Parents retain full responsibility for tracking and documenting their child's academic progress.

Our nature-based program serves as a supplemental and enrichment opportunity for homeschooling families. In the event that a class must be canceled (e.g., due to weather or illness), families will be provided with materials to continue learning at home.

General Expectations

All students and parents are expected to adhere to the following standards while attending Nelipots classes or events:

- Treat all peers, teachers, and adults with respect.
- Demonstrate honesty, academic integrity, and accountability.
- Remain within designated areas during class and respect others' personal space.
- Avoid any behavior that is dangerous, violent, disrespectful, or disruptive.
- Bullying, teasing, name-calling, foul language, and rudeness will not be tolerated.
- Drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, and the like are not permitted at the park and are not permitted around children during any Nelipots event or field trip.
- Supplies provided by Nelipots (e.g., books, toys, art materials) must be used with care and not taken home. Families will be responsible for replacing lost or damaged items.

- Clothing must be appropriate and free of offensive language, imagery, or references to drugs/alcohol.

Health & Safety Policy

Children who are sick (fever, vomiting, contagious illness) should not attend class. Parents must notify the program of any allergies, medical conditions, or required medications. All families are expected to follow basic safety practices while participating in outdoor or nature-based activities.

Media & Photography Policy

Photos and videos may be taken during classes and events for use in program materials, documentation, or social media. A separate photo consent form will be provided. Families who do not wish to have their child photographed must opt out in writing.

Conflict Resolution

All conflicts will be addressed respectfully and constructively. Parents are encouraged to model and encourage calm, solution-oriented communication. If a situation escalates, Nelipots staff will step in to help resolve the matter appropriately.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, all families must comply with Nelipots' safety protocols and follow the directions of program leaders or emergency personnel.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is taken at the beginning of each class. Families are expected to attend at least **two out of every three classes per week**, excluding field trips, illness, or scheduled vacations.

If a family has been absent for **two consecutive weeks without an excused absence**, they may be removed from the program and their spot offered to a waitlisted family.

Parental Involvement

Parents are required to supervise their children during all classes and events. If a concern arises involving another child, please bring it discreetly to that child's parent. If the parent is not immediately available, kindly remind the child of the appropriate behavior and inform the parent as soon as possible.

Acknowledgment & Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Nelipots Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to comply with these guidelines may result in removal from the program.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____