

COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

Terms and Definitions

Board of Directors - The Board of Directors sets policies and procedures and oversees the fiscal wellbeing of A2 Adventure Club.

Leaders - This term includes Cohort Leaders and the others on the Leadership Team.

Positive Parenting & Peaceful Parenting - Both focus on developing strong, deeply committed relationships between parent and child based on communication and mutual respect. Teaches child tools for developing self-control and problem solving skills.

Learning Environment - Any space being used by A2AC for exploration, learning, or gathering. This includes, but is not limited to: parks, forests, water areas, museums, zoos, and rental areas.

Co-Learners - Adults within A2AC are seen as Co-Learners. This means that we are engaging in learning along with the children and other adults in the group. We view children, and other members within the group, with respect and acknowledge that their experiences and perspectives can lead to deeper understandings for ourselves.

Invitation - All group activities are seen as an *invitation*. This means that families are *invited* to participate, but never *have* to. Children and their families can participate, watch, or choose to do something else during a group activity.

Understandings and Agreements:

1. Peaceful and Positive parenting is the main ethos within the group. It's ok not to know much about these styles. Information about these styles can be found on our private Facebook page. And questions are always welcome!
2. A child's words are always welcome and accepted, even if they feel unkind. We start with the child's truth and then help them move toward a more sophisticated way of expressing their needs and intentions. We strive to engage with children when they share with us. If a child brings an issue to you and you're not sure how to respond, please seek out their adult or a Cohort Leader.
3. Parenting and group dynamics and understandings are fluid. Adults are invited to engage in dialogue around ideas and concepts and the group is invited to change understandings as a result of said dialogue.
4. We will be outside much, if not most, of the time during weekly meetups.
5. Free Play is the primary focus of our group.
6. Child-led activities are encouraged and adults are seen as Co-Learners.
7. Children in our group may have different needs and we do our best to support each

child. If you have questions regarding a child's needs, please reach out to the child's adult or Leadership member at any time.

8. Leaders will monitor all group FaceBook pages and other social media, but will not monitor and/or moderate personal FaceBook pages and other social media.

9. Questions, concerns, or thoughts, can be directed to Board Members, Leadership Members, or your Cohort Leaders at any time.

Adults, please read the following to your child(ren):

All young people in A2AC should be aware that:

1. All group activities are an *invitation*. This means that I can participate in or watch the activity or choose to do something different.
2. I am invited to share my thoughts and ideas with the group at any time.
3. I will do my best to include all friends of A2AC in activities and games.
4. I can set boundaries when needed and can seek out adult support if needed.
4. We all have different ways of learning and understanding. Sometimes we need to work to create common understandings. This might mean pausing a game to clarify rules or sitting down to talk about how we feel. I can ask for support from an adult with this at any time.
5. If I ever have a problem, feel uncomfortable, or feel unsafe, I am encouraged to share my feelings and seek help from an adult.