Institute Science Camp Rules

1. Campers should arrive at and depart from the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (1 E. Hazelwood Dr. Champaign, IL) each day. If you are driving to camp, limited parking is available at ISTC. You may park for free along Griffith Drive to the west of the building, but only south of Hazelwood Dr. along the west side of the road. You may also choose to use the parking meters in the lot next to the building (cost: $1 per hour). Otherwise, you may receive a parking ticket from the U of I parking officials. We encourage carpooling and parent drop-offs.

2. No one will be allowed to leave the premises for any reason during camp. Sack lunches should be brought to camp. There is no refrigeration available for lunches, so please keep that in consideration.

3. Cell phones should not be used during camp. This includes using any applications or texting. Please set your phones to silent (not vibrate or low volume). Disruptions by cell phones or any other electronic devices will result in the device being confiscated until the end of the camp day. Repeated abuse will result in dismissal from camp with no refund for camp fees.

4. In lab settings, do not touch any items without permission or instruction. Safety is our #1 goal and not all items in the lab are safe. Treat instructor(s) and the lab area with respect by following all directions. Long pants and closed-toed shoes must be worn in the lab for safety purposes. Safety glasses and lab coats will be provided while in the lab. The lab can be chilly, so layering clothes is recommended. Calculators are also recommended for lab activities.

5. While in the field, do not do anything that will disturb or destroy the aesthetics of the land. Respect your instructor(s) by following instructions for all activities. It is recommended that you bring the following items with you on field days: small backpack to carry a hat, sun screen, bug spray, hiking boots or durable tennis shoes, breathable clothing, at least one liter of drinking water, wet wipes or antibacterial sanitizer, rain gear (if rain is expected), and shorts (when not in the lab).

6. Foul language, bullying, or any disrespect will not be tolerated at any time.

7. Weapons (knives, guns, sharp objects, etc.) are strictly forbidden at camp.

8. Sandals, flip-flops, or other footwear that exposes a camper’s foot are not permitted. The most appropriate footwear for camp is either tennis shoes or hiking boots. Spaghetti strap tops, tops that show a bare midriff, low riding pants, and any other clothing that exposes undergarments are not permitted.

For any questions regarding these rules, please contact Elizabeth Luber, Assistant Camp Director at (217) 333-7403 or eluber2@illinois.edu.