CODE OF CONDUCT
PLYMOUTH COUNTY CONSERVATION
PROGRAM DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL POLICY

Plymouth County is interested in the welfare of all adults and children. Participants in Plymouth County Conservation programs are expected to follow the rules of the program and obey the direction of staff, whether paid or volunteer, and other adults in supervisory positions. A participant’s failure and inability to follow rules and obey directions may cause a serious discipline problem. A serious discipline problem may also occur when a child hampers the smooth flow of the program by requiring constant one-on-one attention, inflicts physical or emotional harm on other children, abuses staff and adults, or is otherwise unable to conform to the rules and guidelines of the program. Kicking, biting, abusive behavior towards others, name-calling, unwanted displays of affection, and inappropriate language are examples of such unacceptable behavior.

An adult causing problems or disruptions will be reminded of the rules, then asked to leave if the problem continues.

All summer program registrants are expected to follow the rules of the program and obey the direction of the summer program leaders and other adults in supervisory positions. When a child’s behavior creates a discipline problem as described in the above Discipline and Dismissal Policy, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The child shall be separated from the problem activity or situation.
2. Staff shall help the child rejoin the group when they are ready.
3. Repeated misbehavior shall be handled through conversations with a parent.
4. The parent, child, and staff shall agree to a plan that improves behavior.
5. If improvement does not occur or a solution cannot be determined, staff may recommend that the child be dismissed from the program.

Emergency Release

NOTE: Acceptance into a program is conditioned on the above policy and the right to dismiss a participant from the program as outlined above. Your cooperation in making your child’s experience the best possible, is needed. Please inform the leader of the existence of or changes in any physical, mental, emotional, or behavioral conditions and maintenance medications that may affect the youth. Please note all such conditions (example: allergies, cerebral palsy, visual impairment, attention deficit syndrome, etc.) and medications on the registration and Health/emergency forms. THANK YOU!

In the event of an emergency, I give permission for the Plymouth County Conservation staff or volunteers to administer first aid and/or obtain emergency medical treatment for me/my child. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me and/or my emergency listing. I understand that if necessary, I/this participant will be transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital. I agree that any cost incurred for any transportation and/or treatment will be my responsibility.

Signature __________________________ Date ____________

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to its terms.

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I give permission for my/my child’s photo to be taken and used for future Plymouth County Conservation advertisements, brochures, or reports.

initial __________

Loess Hills POSTER CONTEST

To celebrate the Loess Hills and Heritage Week (Sept 23-October 1) all of the Loess Hills counties are sponsoring a poster contest for kids in Kindergarten-12th grades. Three winners will be chosen from each county to compete against the winners in the other 6 counties. Winners in each county will receive a cash prize, and their posters will be displayed for the following year throughout the Loess Hills.

For more details visit the contest rules at http://www.visitloesshills.org/loess-hills--heritage-week.html

Plymouth County contestants can drop their poster entries off at Hillview Recreation Area by 4pm September 22nd.
Public Programs

**October 14 - Halloween at Hillview and Fall Festival**

- Farmer’s Market / Craft Vendors 2pm-6pm
- Kid’s Games and Activities 4pm-6pm
- Phaze One PHOTO BOOTH 4pm-8pm
- Trick ‘r Treating 6pm-8pm
- Haunted Hike 8pm-9:30pm

The Friends of Plymouth County Conservation want to celebrate fall in a big way again this year, we need you to make that happen. The festival is free, but there will be ways for you to help support Friends and to help us raise money to build a new playground on the south side of the park. If you would like to be a volunteer or make a donation to the bake sale or of pumpkins, please contact Diana at 712-947-4270. We will have food and craft vendors, a bake sale, a photo booth, a food vendor on the north and south side of the park, gourds and pumpkins, and kids games and activities in and around the Center for Outdoor Learning and picnic shelter on the south side of Hillview.

Campers will hand out candy to trick-or-treaters in Bur Oak and Deer Ridge campgrounds from 6pm-8pm. Trick-or-treaters can park in the north side field or tubing hill parking lot. We will start taking reservations for the campsites on September 5th at 8am BY PHONE ONLY.

October 15th - Youth Pheasant Hunt

Ages 12-15 with a Hunter’s Ed. Certificate are welcome to participate. Volunteers will take youth hunting at a licensed hunting preserve in Plymouth County. You must pre-register for this event!

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**Program Registration Form**

| Participant’s Name:______________________________ | Age:________ |
| Address:________________________________________ | State:_______ | Zip:________ |
| City:______________________________ | Phone:____________ |
| Phone:____________ Email:___________________________________ |

Emergency and Health Information

| Signature required on back |
| Contact ____________________________________ Phone _________ |
| Doctor’s Name_______________________________ Phone_________ |
| Food allergies/ restrictions ____________________________________ |
| Other info. we should know about the participant ____________________________ |

**Circle what you are signing up for**

| Make checks payable to Plymouth County Conservation |
| Sunset and Dinner $15/ person |
| Youth Pheasant Hunt FREE!!! |
| Knee High Naturalists $3/month |

**Plymouth County Conservation Foundation’s**

**Snow Scamper - 5K**

- Pick a shirt $25 long sleeved 50/50
- $35 long sleeved performance shirt

**Pick a size**

- Youth S  Youth M  Youth L
- Adult S M L XL XXL

Additional donation to HILLVIEW PLAYGROUND PROJECT

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**Pheasants Forever Youth Activity**

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**Notes**

- After January 19th call to register.
- A limited number of shirts are available after the 19th
- Call 712-947-4270 to reserve snowshoes.

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