

Waterfront Rules

Emerald Bay has a beautiful waterfront that offers an incredible environment for aquatic activities and fun on the beach! We offer access to paddle-boards, kayaks, and snorkel gear. Wet suit rentals are not available at camp so bring one from home if needed! Below are some waterfront rules to keep in mind:

Life Jackets: Aquatic activities are only available when our staff is on the Waterfront. The Coast Guard requires a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) to be worn by ALL participants (youth or adult) using any paddle equipment. While out on the water, participants need to have a buddy boat as well.

Rocks: Our waterfront is rocky! Water shoes are essential to enjoying your time on the beach. Please Don't Throw Rocks—while it may be tempting to skip rocks on the beach, this is extremely dangerous to others out in the water. Climbing on rocks is NOT permitted either—there are large rocks along the water's edge, these tide pool areas are protected zones and are not allowed to have people on them.

Equipment: When using our equipment, please carry kayaks and paddle-boards. Do not drag them in the rocks! Snorkel gear can be found in the Snorkel Locker and used in Doctor's Cove. Please return all snorkel gear when you are done so our staff can clean the equipment for the next group. When entering the water, it is best practice to do the "*Stingray Shuffle*" by dragging your feet in the sand to kick up sediment and scare away any ocean critters near by.

Fishing: Our camp operates a private dock and pier. This means anyone fishing over the age of 16 needs a fishing license. While fishing, ALL California state rules and regulations of must be observed at all times, including but not limited to: *size, type of catch and season*. Please visit the [CA Department of a Fish and Wildlife](#) website to familiarize yourself with these state fishing rules.

Drone Policy: For drone use, participants need express permission from the Island Company in order to film on the island. For an email contact to secure permission, please ask the Program Director.



Boundaries: While using our kayaks and paddle-board, the boundaries of the bay are from *Doctor's Point*, to *Endemic Rock*, to *Inspiration Point*. As an easy tip, if we can see you, then you are within the boundaries! Paddle equipment is NOT allowed in Doctors Cove (the snorkeling area).