

Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve Code of Conduct

Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve (henceforth Cedar Creek) is committed to fostering research, education, and community engagement in a welcoming and inclusive environment. All people at Cedar Creek, including all researchers, students, employees, and visitors, are expected to treat each other in a respectful and professional manner. We are all responsible for holding our community to standards of conduct. In addition to following University policies, we ask all members of the Cedar Creek community to support and adhere to our norms of respectful and professional conduct.

Expected Conduct

Cedar Creek has established the following standards of conduct:

- Act ethically and with integrity
- Be welcoming, inclusive, and respectful of all people
- Responsibly supervise, instruct, and advise
- Protect, preserve, and responsibly use University resources and property
- Promote a culture of compliance with laws, rules, and policies
- Preserve academic freedom
- Ethically conduct research, teaching, and community engagement
- Avoid conflicts of interest and commitment
- Responsibly manage public and private information
- Promote physical and mental health and safety

Sanctions for Unacceptable Behavior

Sanctions will be commensurate with the nature and severity of the offense, whether violations have been persistent, and the impact of the offense on any other people involved. Sanctions may include one or more of the following:

- Warning
- Probation
- Confiscation of goods possessed, used, or shared in an illegal or unauthorized manner
- Restitution
- Reassignment of work activities
- Paid or unpaid leave of absence
- Suspension from Cedar Creek, its facilities (e.g., lodging), or its equipment (e.g., vehicles)
- Expulsion from Cedar Creek, its facilities or its equipment
- Termination of employment

Unacceptable Behavior

Cedar Creek will take disciplinary action for the following offenses:

- Sexual and gender-based harassment, sexual assault, stalking, and relationship violence
- Discrimination
- Retaliation
- Illegal or unauthorized possession, use, or sharing of weapons, drugs, or alcohol
- Unethical research, including falsification of data or information
- Scholastic dishonesty
- Unauthorized use, including misuse, of facilities, equipment, or services
- Theft, property damage, or vandalism
- Violation of University rules
- Violation of Local, State, or Federal Laws

Reporting Misconduct

Report suspected or alleged misconduct to any or all of the following:

- Cedar Creek's DEIJ leadership team for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (cedarcreekDEIJ@umn.edu)
- supervisor, instructor, administrator, or staff
- Human Resources in the College of Biological Sciences (cbshr@umn.edu)
- the Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA) Title IX office (eoaa@umn.edu)
- anonymously via UMN's U Report system (1-866-294-8680, <https://compliance.umn.edu/report>)
- the National Science Foundation (https://www.nsf.gov/od/oecr/complaint_form.jsp)

The University of Minnesota has a policy that protects people who report misconduct from retaliation. All University employees are required to report sexual misconduct to the Title IX office.