Section 1: OSK Safety & Emergency Procedures

- **Parent Supervision**
  - All Ocean State Kids programs are parent-led and not drop-off. Each child must remain under the direct supervision of their parent or designated caregiver at all times.
  - Parents are responsible for monitoring their child's behavior, ensuring respectful engagement with natural spaces, and maintaining safe boundaries around water, roads, animals, and equipment.
- **Group Leader Role**
  - Group Leaders are volunteer parents who coordinate the program schedule and serve as a point of contact in case of emergency.
  - Leaders will carry a charged cell phone and have the location's address on hand for reference if emergency services need to be contacted.
  - Group Leaders carry basic first aid supplies.
- **Medical Emergencies**
  - Parents are the primary responders for their own children.
  - If a medical emergency occurs, families and volunteers will work together to:
    1. Call 911 if necessary.
    2. Provide immediate support until emergency services arrive.
    3. Notify the Group Leader so the situation can be addressed amongst the organization.
- **Weather & Environmental Safety**
  - Families should dress children appropriately for outdoor conditions (rain, cold, sun).
  - Group Leaders may cancel, shorten, or relocate a session if conditions are deemed unsafe (e.g., thunderstorms, high winds, extreme heat).
- **Community Responsibility**
  - Families are expected to work together to maintain a safe, supportive environment. If unsafe behavior is observed, any parent may intervene and alert the Group Leader.

Section 2: Lost Child Procedure

Although parents are responsible for supervising their own children, the following group-wide procedure will be followed if a child becomes separated:

1. **Alert the Group**
   - As soon as a child is noticed missing, the parent notifies the Group Leader and other families immediately.
2. **Immediate Response**
   - All children are gathered together in a designated meeting spot and supervised by available parents.
   - Volunteer parents and groups form a search team to check nearby areas.
3. **Organized Search**
   - The search expands outward, checking high-interest areas such as trails, water edges, play structures, or hiding spots.
   - Search volunteers maintain communication via cell phones with parents/adults supervising the gathered group of children.
4. **Escalation**
   - If the child is not found within 10 minutes, or if circumstances suggest immediate risk (near water, roadways, etc.), the Group Leader or parent calls 911.

- The location's address and nearest access point will be provided to emergency responders.

5. **Reunification**
    - Once the child is found, the Group Leader ensures the parent and child are reunited safely.
    - A brief review will take place to discuss how the incident occurred and reinforce preventative measures moving forward.