

## **Bear Creek Camp Summer Camp Plan Related to COVID-19**

We appreciate you and your family as part of the Bear Creek Camp community. We continue to maintain as our number one priority the health and safety of our campers, families, and staff.

To accomplish our goals, there are necessary changes to the 'typical' Bear Creek Camp summer program experience. These recommendations are based on the most current guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, CDC, and the American Camp Association. Each of these organizations may continue revising guidelines and we will also remain flexible and continue to communicate with our campers and families as guidelines are revised.

If you and your family should find that this year's camp opportunity simply does not align with your family's needs, we understand and support your decision to not attend, and look forward to being in ministry with you again in the future.

If you have questions about any of the guidelines below, please contact the camp office- [bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org](mailto:bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org) or 570.472.3741 to be directed to our designated point of contact.

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### **What to Expect Before Coming to Camp**

- Campers, staff, and volunteers are encouraged to follow CDC guidance for activities and gathering leading up to coming to camp to reduce potential exposure to COVID-19. This includes getting vaccinated and staying up to date with boosters, wearing a mask and testing when appropriate, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces, physical distancing, and frequent hand washing.
- If anyone in the household (vaccinated or unvaccinated) is displaying symptoms (fever over 100.4°F, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigues, loss of taste and/or smell), please do not come to camp. We will attempt to reschedule the camper or a refund will be issued.
- All eligible campers and family members should get fully vaccinated for COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine is not currently required for camper participation in summer programming.
- All summer staff, year-round staff, and adult volunteers are to be fully up to date with vaccines for COVID-19 with boosters received as appropriate based on the date of completion of the initial series of vaccines prior to the start of the summer season.

### **Masks/Face Coverings**

- Masks will not be required, but may be optionally worn by campers, volunteers, and staff. Those who choose to mask will be fully supported in this choice.
- For campers choosing to wear a mask, we recommend coming to camp with a minimum of 10 masks for the week of camp (2/day). Masks should be marked with camper names or initials.

## **Cohort-Based Programming**

- A cabin group will live together for the week and follow the guidelines for a “household cohort” as defined by the CDC. Members of a cabin group will not need to physically distance when they are together.
- A quest group will consist of two cabins of the same age group. This quest group will follow the guidelines for a “cohort” as defined by the CDC and will participate in activities together for the camp session.
- Few activities will occur as a large group. Large group activities (worship, bonfire, etc.) will take place outdoors or under an outdoor shelter with significant airflow (pavilion or sanctuary). When multiple quest groups are participating together, campers and staff will be seated/grouped with their quest group with as much space between groups as possible.

## **General Health and Safety Practices**

- When campers are present in cabins or other indoor spaces, windows will be opened and fans turned on as available to promote additional airflow and ventilation.
- Handwashing and hand sanitizing stations will be provided around camp and frequent usage will be required before and after meals, activities, and interactions.

## **Food Service**

- Food service staff will follow appropriate and current food handling protocols, as per the PA Department of Health. Meals will be served by food service staff or prepared as quest groups on overnights as directed and trained by the Food Service Manager.
- Campers will eat with their quest group at tables separately from other groups.
- Options and encouragement will be given for eating meals outdoors, weather permitting. All windows in the dining hall will be opened and fans turned on to promote airflow.

## **Check-in Procedure**

- Arrival times will be staggered and pre-assigned. You will receive an email to the email address listed as the primary parent email on the camp registration form three weeks prior to your session of camp assigning your camper check-in and pick-up time.
- Each camper must take a General Health Assessment upon arrival including a temperature check. If a camper answers “yes” to any of the questions on the General Health Assessment they will not be allowed to attend.
- Medications should be brought to camp in their original containers and then grouped into a clear ziplock bag with the camper’s full name on the outside. Dosage and administration times will be confirmed by the health team.

## **Check-out Procedure**

- An optional closing program will be held with families of week-long residential programs.

- Families that do not wish to attend the closing program will be able to pick up their camper prior to the closing program.
- All campers will be signed out by their parent/guardian and receive medication from the camp health staff.

## **General Health Assessment**

- General health assessment includes a check of the following symptoms:
  - Fever or chills (100.4°F or higher)
  - Cough, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose that you cannot attribute to another health condition
  - New shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue that you cannot attribute to another health condition
  - Muscle aches that you cannot attribute to another health condition or specific activity
  - Headache that you cannot attribute to another health condition
  - New loss of taste or sense of smell
  - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- If a camper, staff, or volunteer answer positively to any of the health screening questions, they must be isolated following the procedures in the following section.

## **Isolation and Quarantine**

### **Isolation of Campers**

- If a camper is showing symptoms of COVID-19, they must immediately be isolated in a designated location.
  - A parent or guardian will be contacted by the Program Director, Executive Director, or designated staff person immediately to pick the camper up.
  - A camper may not spend the night in isolation unless they begin to show symptoms after bedtime. In such a case, the parent will be notified immediately and have the option to pick them up then or first thing in the morning.
  - A camper in isolation must wear a mask at all times while they remain at camp.
  - The medical liaison or another designated staff member will supervise the camper while they are waiting to get picked up. The staff member must wear a mask at all times, keep at least 6 feet distance between themselves and the camper, and wash hands regularly.
  - The staff member supervising the camper is responsible for recording all symptoms that the camper experiences, their onset and duration, and any other pertinent information. A copy of this information will be given to the parent picking the camper up and a copy will be kept in the camper's file.
- If a camper is removed from a cabin for symptoms, the Program Director, Office Manager, or designated staff person will contact the parents of the other campers in the cabin to inform them of the isolation.
  - Parents of remaining campers will have the choice to come to camp to pick up their camper or allow their camper to remain with the cabin group.
  - Remaining campers will continue to be monitored for symptoms using the general health assessment.

- The affected cabin building will be thoroughly sanitized and ventilated with campers being given alternative accommodations for at least 24 hours.
- The quest group of the affected cabin will separate from the other cabin in their quest group to function as two quest groups for the duration of the camp session.

### Isolation of Staff and Volunteers

- If a staff member or volunteer is showing symptoms of COVID-19, they must immediately be isolated in a designated location.
- The staff member or volunteer is responsible for recording all symptoms that they experience, their onset and duration, and any other pertinent information.
- A staff member or volunteer showing symptoms of COVID-19, must get a PCR COVID-19 test as soon as possible. Staff can remain at camp in isolation while waiting on the results of their test. Because of the duration of volunteer participation at camp, volunteers will be asked to return home for isolation.
- Staff may end isolation and/or return to camp when they meet the conditions appropriate to their situation as defined by the CDC at time of isolation.

### Communication and Contact Tracing

- If a camper is sent home or a staff member or volunteer is isolated with symptoms of COVID-19, parents of the other campers in the cabin group will be notified as described in the previous section. The camper, staff member, or volunteer's name will not be included in the information shared with other parents.
- If a camper tests positive for COVID-19 within 5 days after departing camp, they should notify camp. Camp will then notify the families of the campers in that camper's quest group to advise those in close contact with the person diagnosed with COVID-19 to quarantine, self-monitor for symptoms, and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop. Fully vaccinated people who are asymptomatic can refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure.

### Cancelation Policy

- All registrations for residential programs are subject to a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Refunds for cancellations will be made according to the following schedule: No-show or less than one week in advance: 50% refund of cost of camp. More than 1 week: refunded minus deposit.
- Exceptions to this policy are campers and families with serious emergencies; a camper or immediate family member tests positive for COVID-19; a camper presents symptoms of illness during check-in at camp.
- We will work with campers and families to attempt to reschedule for a later session, if available.
- Campers going home early because of COVID symptoms will receive a prorated refund.
- If we incur staff shortages due to symptoms or positive tests, the last campers registered may be removed from the program for us to maintain appropriate ratios. Alternate weeks will be offered or a full refund including any deposits.
- If Bear Creek Camp leadership determines that a session must be cancelled, all campers will be eligible for a full refund including any deposits.