

## **Bear Creek Camp Programming 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 CONNECT 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 are continually revising guidelines and we will also remain flexible and continue to communicate with our campers and families as guidelines are revised.

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**

- If anyone who is unvaccinated in a household has been exposed to COVID-19 in the two weeks prior to arrival at camp or 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 staff, volunteers, campers, and family members should get fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Ideally, wait 2 weeks after complete vaccination before coming to camp. The COVID-19 vaccine is not required for participation in camp programming.
- With the COVID-19 vaccine not currently required for participation in onsite programming, Bear Creek Camp will run programs under the CDC's Guidance for Camps Where not Everyone is Fully Vaccinated.

### **Housing, Food, and Programming**

- Campers will be assigned to cabins with up to 8 additional people. Cabin requests can be made during online registration though they are not guaranteed.
- Food service staff will follow proper food handling protocol, as per the PA Department of Health. This includes wearing gloves and mask when handling/serving food and proper sanitizing of all dishes and surfaces in the kitchen and dining hall.
- Cabins groups will eat together and be spaced away from other cabin groups.
- Programming will be a mix of indoor and outdoor activities, weather dependent.

## **Masks/Face Coverings**

- Masking requirements will remain consistent for campers and staff regardless of vaccination status due to the mixed vaccinated/unvaccinated status of our campers.
- All persons at camp will wear masks when indoors (with the exception of eating and sleeping).
- Campers should come to camp with a minimum of 4 masks for the weekend of camp (2/day). Masks should be marked with camper names or initials. Masks must have at least two layers of fabric and fit around the mouth and nose. If a buff style face covering is being used, it must be folded in half so that two layers are covering the mouth and nose.

## **General Health and Safety Practices**

- Handwashing and hand sanitizing stations will be provided around camp and frequent usage will be required before and after meals, activities, and interactions.
- In all activities, appropriate distance will be kept between separate quest groups and staff that are not a part of the quest groups.

## **Check-in Procedure**

- Check In will occur at the Dining Hall.
- Everyone in the vehicle must wear a mask during check-in.
- An up-to-date health form must be completed prior to arrival.
- 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**

- Check Out will occur at the Dining Hall.
- Everyone in the vehicle must wear a mask during check-out.
- Campers will be signed out by their parent/guardian and receive medication from the camp health staff.

## **Isolation and Quarantine**

- 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.
- A 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 and all families will be asked to pick up their campers.

### **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 14 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.

### **Cancellation Policy**

- All registrations for CONNECT are subject to a \$30 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.
- If Bear Creek Camp leadership determines that a session must be cancelled, all campers will be eligible for a full refund including any deposits.