



Hello Spruce Lake Day Camp families!

We are looking forward to serving your family again this summer by providing a wonderful camp experience for your children. As you might expect, things will need to look a bit different this year, so here are some of the strategies that we have put in place to try to reduce the spread of viruses:

Staff Training & Awareness: The safety and well-being of our campers and staff are paramount. We will train and remind our staff of good hygiene, proper safeguards, and practices to mitigate viruses, as well as their personal responsibility to our campers to help stop the spread. Signs will be posted as well to keep these new protocols in the front of our minds. Daily check ins will take place with our staff to constantly evaluate health and catch any symptoms early.

Screenings: Camper onboarding will look different. There will be a “car line” for pick up and drop off this summer. Daily health screenings will include questions which need answered as to current health before the camper exits the car. Only registered campers should exit the car each day. Daily temperatures will be taken & recorded for all staff and campers. Anyone showing signs or symptoms of a virus will be isolated, cared for, and removed from the program until you can pick up your child.

Space: Our groups will be constantly encouraged to spread out, (practice “social distancing”). Our games and activities will be adjusted as needed, so that no one will need to touch each other. Our daily guideline will be a no touching policy, so as not to spread any germs. Our group sizes will be smaller and consistent. Large group times will be minimal with plenty of space to spread it out.

- a. Be Outside.** The air is fresh, and we have hundreds of acres of God’s creation to explore. Fresh air, sunshine, humidity, and heat are all things that we have plenty of here in the Poconos. We believe that kids in the outdoors can stay healthier and happier.
- b. Scheduled Activity Times** – Activities will be more strictly scheduled to limit interaction between groups and allow for sanitizing equipment as needed.



Sanitation – We have implemented a rigorous cleaning and sanitation protocol to all our facilities. We will not typically share equipment between groups, but when we do need to share, we will be very purposeful in cleaning and sanitizing of all shared equipment.

- c. Hand Sanitation** – There are many hand sanitizing stations all over camp for campers and staff to frequently sanitize hands between activities. Also, there will be programmed into our day times for campers to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- d. Meeting Rooms** – Meeting rooms will be cleaned and sanitized between groups.
- e. Bathrooms** – Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly, and specific bathrooms will be assigned to groups as much as possible.
- f. Rec Equipment** – Rec equipment will be sanitized between use by different groups.

Security – Day Camp policy is always to be a secure place from outsiders for obvious reasons, but our security and monitoring of guests will be heightened to limit/prohibit outside visitors. We will not be taking field trips or traveling via buses. We will not be offering bus service this summer due to lack of space on buses to keep proper distance.

This is a TEAM EFFORT – Spruce Lake Staff, Campers, Parents, & families are all a valuable part of this effort to run a fun program for our campers this summer. Your cooperation, honesty and collective efforts toward safety are very much appreciated. Our campers need to continue to grow and develop during these extremely formative years in their young lives.

Full Disclosure:

Although we are taking steps to minimize risk, we cannot eliminate it. Just because we are open, does not mean it is right for everyone. Please evaluate your current situation and all its complexities. We are here, willing and able to serve your family; however, if you do not feel comfortable with this, we totally understand. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We would love to hear from you and serve you in any way that we can.