



Wilderness Camp Procedures Summer 2020

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. Please find below the procedures that we have put in place to try to reduce the spread of viruses:

Training & Awareness:

The safety and well-being of our campers and team members are paramount. We will train and remind our team 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 to keep these new protocols in the front of our minds. All team members will be screened at the beginning of each workday, checking temperature and for other symptoms.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off:

Registration upon arrival and pick-up at departure will be done via car line this summer.

- A. Arrival** - Health screenings upon arrival will include a temperature check and questions which need answered as to current health before the camper exits the car. Parents will help remove luggage from the car, and then a Spruce Lake team member will escort the camper with his/her luggage to their assigned tent. Parents will return to their car and depart via the designated route. Anyone showing signs or symptoms of a virus will not be permitted to attend the camp program.
- B. Departure** – Parents/authorized adults picking up will remain in their cars and give their name and the camper name to a Spruce Lake team member (ID may be requested). Campers will come to the car with their luggage.

Bus service will not be available this summer due to health and safety concerns.

Tent Groups:

Each tent group will be spread out between two platform tents for sleeping to allow for adequate distance between campers and counselors. Tent flaps will be kept open as much as possible to allow for airflow. Each group will have limited interaction with other groups.

Anyone showing signs or symptoms of a virus will be isolated, cared for, and removed from the program until he/she can be picked up.

Masks:

Campers will not be required to wear face masks. We do ask that you send one with your camper if the need should arise (if he/she needs to come in close proximity to a team member or camper outside of his/her group). Spruce Lake team members will wear masks when indoors



and when within close proximity of campers outdoors. Masks will not be worn while swimming, sleeping, or eating.

Space:

Our groups will be consistently encouraged to spread out. Our games and activities will be adjusted as needed. Our daily guideline will be a no touching policy, so as not to spread any germs. Group sizes will be small and consistent. Large group times will be minimal with plenty of space to spread 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.

Meals:

In traditional Wilderness Camp fashion, breakfast will continue to be cooked over a fire by counselors for each tent group. Please do not send dishes with your camper this summer – disposable dishes and utensils will be provided.

Other meals will be eaten outside as much as possible, or groups will be spread out if weather requires indoor dining.

Activities:

Activities will be adjusted as needed, and some camp activities may not be available. The pool will be available, and many favorite camp activities will also be available.

Fireside:

As a cornerstone of the Wilderness Camp program, Fireside worship will be held with adjustments. Groups will spread out as much as possible, and interaction between groups will be limited.

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.

A. 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.

B. Bathrooms – Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly, and specific bathrooms will be assigned to groups as much as possible.

C. Showers – Shower time will be more limited and more strictly scheduled for groups.

D. Rec Equipment – Rec equipment will be sanitized between use by different groups.

Security:

Wilderness 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.

This is a TEAM EFFORT

Spruce Lake Team Members, 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.