



Wilderness Camp Procedures Summer 2021*

***Subject to change based on changing guidelines and conditions**

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. Our team is trained in good hygiene, proper safeguards, and practices to mitigate viruses, as well as personal responsibility to our campers to help stop the spread.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off:

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

- 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 be available this summer and will be run as usual (2 campers per seat).

Tent Groups:

Each tent group will spread out as much as possible while sleeping. Tent flaps will be kept open as much as possible to allow for airflow. Interaction among groups may be limited.

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:

Spruce Lake will continue to follow the PA Health Department's mask order. Per the order, campers and Spruce Lake team members will need to wear face masks when indoors and when social distancing is not possible outdoors. Please send at least one labeled mask with your camper (a new mask for each day is recommended). Masks will not be worn while swimming, sleeping, or eating. Face shields may be worn in place of masks. The mask policy will be reevaluated if the PA mask order is lifted.



Space:

Groups will be consistently encouraged to spread out. Our games and activities will be adjusted as needed. Group sizes will be small and consistent. Large group times will be minimized 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 may 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.

Dining for other meals will be determined at a later date, depending on health department guidelines for indoor dining. The pavilion dining facility is open-air and allows for significant air flow.

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.

A. Hand Sanitation – There are many hand sanitizing stations all over camp for campers and staff to frequently sanitize hands between activities. There will also be intentional times for campers to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

B. Bathrooms – Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

C. Showers – Shower time may be more limited and more strictly scheduled for 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 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 understand completely. 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.