

## Summer Camp 2021 Parent Information

We are excited to welcome your children back on campus in these difficult times. We also strive to do the right thing for everyone so in these days of global pandemic we ask that you and your children respect and follow our rules for a Safe Summer Camp experience.

If there are any reasons that you or your child may not comply with these rules, we respectfully ask that you do not bring your child until the threat of infection has been minimized and the CDC lifts all covid guidelines that you are uncomfortable following. We are hopeful that by Summer 2022 we will be able to return to our full pre-covid Summer Camp schedule.

ALL parents MUST bring their children, and STAY until they have passed their health screening, and answered a few health questions. If at that time it is determined your child should not attend an in-person activity, you will be asked to go home until the current situation has been rectified. (See reverse side for health guidelines). Once passed they will be admitted into our program and you are dismissed.

If, after your child has participated, they, or anyone that they have had close contact with test POSITIVE for covid, please contact us at (239) 482-2030, or Ms. Kathy at (239) 470-2985 so we can contact the parents of the other children and alert them to possible exposure. **At no time, and under no circumstances will we share your name with anyone else. Your privacy will be respected and honored.** It is however important that you report infection to our leaders.

**EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK THAT STAYS ON AND OVER THEIR NOSE AND MOUTH. WE WILL BE SOCIALLY DISTANCING. (Please prepare your children and let them know we will not be sharing hugs or have contact within 6 feet of one another. This is hard for children (and adults). Please prepare them so they understand what is expected when they attend. Our Camp day is long. PLEASE SEND AT LEAST ONE EXTRA MASK EACH DAY WITH YOUR CHILD. Perhaps a lunch mask in their lunchbox for the afternoon would be a good idea. That way they can out a new mask on for the afternoon. PARENTS: You MUST also wear a mask when you drop off your child and wait for them to undergo their health checks, and at pick-up time.**

You must return to pick your child up by 5:30 pm. No siblings, or guests may “hang out” or join our program at this time. Please honor our dismissal time and be ready to pick your child up then.

**All parents must sign our permission to participate form. This form allows your child to attend and participate as well as be photographed for our church publications and social media pages. It also acknowledges that SAFE guidelines are not RISK-FREE. We will take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of covid-19, but we cannot guarantee that the potential for exposure may still exist, or exposure to any other illness when engaging in in-person activities.**

People with covid-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can spread the virus. Some people may be contagious before the symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with covid-19 may pass our required health screenings and be allowed into our program activities.

## **COVID-19 RULES FOR PARTICIPATION:**

**If your child has any underlying medical conditions, that make them at higher risk of covid-19, we ask that you please not bring your child and risk potential exposure. If you live in multi-generational homes or have immediate family members who have not been vaccinated and are more vulnerable or HIGH-RISK for covid, please consider this before sending your child to camp.**

**Water Bottles with WIDE MOUTH openings and a nozzle or straw like structure are a MUST this year. Water bottles must have a straw so there is no mouth contact with the actual water bottle. If this presents a financial hardship, please let us know. NO commercial water bottles or non-wide mouth bottles will be allowed this year due to covid19 safety protocol. See last page for a sample of what is required this year.**

**No toys, or personal objects may be brought from home. No blankets, etc. A hoody may be brought to camp and kept in your child's personal cubby space.**

**Food MAY NOT BE SHARED with anyone. Please send a whole lunch with your child each day we have camp. We will not be able to provide hot lunches this year due to CDC guidelines. We will provide packaged snacks twice daily.**

**If your child becomes ill overnight, PLEASE do not send them to camp in the morning. They will be sent home. Do not send any fever reducing medication on their person or in their lunchbox. We are doing our best to keep your child healthy, please help us keep others healthy too.**

**Everyone must evaluate your own circumstances and make an informed decision before attending any in-person activities.**

We look forward to welcoming your children back and pray that the introduction of vaccination will allow us to move through this difficult time and emerge healthy without these pandemic restrictions. Until such time we have set forth these rules for the safety of our children, your families, and our staff.

## **STAY HOME**

If you have:

- A COUGH
- ANY RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS... runny nose, stuffiness, cough, cold or allergy symptoms included. We cannot tell the difference between allergy, a cold and Covid-19 and we cannot assume it is anything else in pandemic times.
- FEVER (anything over 99.5F)
- HEADACHE
- SORE THROAT
- DIARRHEA
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- CHILLS
- LOSS OF TASTE AND SMELL
- FATIGUE
- MUSCLE PAIN
- KNOWN CONTACT WITH A PERSON WHO IS LAB-CONFIRMED TO HAVE COVID

By participating in any in-person activity you should avoid contact with HIGHER-RISK individuals for 14 days after the event per CDC guidelines.

We will provide hand-sanitizer for on-site use and follow all CDC guidelines. If at any time during our day your child should become ill, we will require you to return to campus and pick up your child in a timely manner. Please do not wait until the end of the day to return if we call you. Your child will be separated from the group with a designated adult until you arrive.

If your child has a behavior problem, we use the 1,2,3, Magic positive discipline method where the child receives a 5-minute time to think about what caused them to have to sit in our "Think About It" chair. We all make mistakes, and we don't alert you if a trip to the Think About It chair has occurred unless your child has made three trips to that spot in one day. Then we will ask you to speak to your child so that we all have a better day tomorrow.

We will let you know if there is consistent behavior or foul language issues. If there is any sort of bullying or physical fighting the child will be sent home and asked to stay home the next day. If there are serious behavior issues that do not resolve, or there is an incidence of bullying two times, your child may be dismissed from our Camp Program. No refunds are given for behavioral related dismissals.

Summer 2021 will be different because of Covid-19, but we promise to make it a fun time for your children this summer and provide them with a safe, clean environment that is compliant with all CDC covid guidelines.

Because Jesus loves the children, and so do we!

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