

Keeping Campers Safe at Camp

Camping is a significant part of the mission of the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference. Our priority for young people at camp is to keep them safe. Below are standard practices OKCamps employs to keep youth safe at our camps:

- All campers must submit a Health Form signed by their parents or guardians before arriving at camp.
- Once at camp, no camper is allowed to leave the camp without written consent to leave from his or her parent or guardian. No one under the age of 21 can pick up a camper from camp.
- Each camp has procedures and guidelines for visitors at camp. All visitors must sign in.
- All camps are staffed with at least one licensed medical professional. All Oklahoma United Methodist camps are 30 minutes or less from a hospital.
- When a camper is at the health center, he or she is never privately examined. Any camper visiting the health center is accompanied by an OKCamps staff person or volunteer leader for the entire duration of the examination.
- All camp staff and adult leaders must complete criminal background checks, which include a pastoral reference and 2 personal references.
- OKCamps staff assigned to serve at the camps during the summer receive comprehensive training for their roles at camp.
- Each camp is equipped to execute general safety plans and crisis management plans when necessary.
- Each camp utilizes United Methodist Safe Sanctuaries policies, which spell out supervision ratios, and behavioral guidelines. All adult leaders and staff participate in this training and sign a Covenant of Conduct before being allowed to serve at our camps.