



OK CAMPS

United Methodist Camping Ministry

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Hello to our amazing camp volunteers and parents,

Safety is our #1 concern when it comes to conducting camps this summer, so we thought it would be helpful to you to understand how we think about and implement a safe camp experience. We think about safety in terms of “**layers of protection**,” which, taken together, minimize the risks associated with Covid-19. Layers of Protection for our camps in 2021 include:

- **Pre-camp screening** – All people coming to camp will be asked to complete a health screening form before camp to ensure that everyone who comes to camp is healthy.
- **Temperature checks** – The check-in process this year will include a temperature check for all campers and leaders.
- **Vaccinations** – We are encouraging all paid and volunteer staff to be vaccinated prior to camp.
- **Cohort model** – Cohorts, based on smaller groups, will participate in all activities together.
- **Daily cabin cleanups** – Campers and leaders will clean and sanitize cabin daily.
- **Social distancing** – All individuals are encouraged to social distance at all times.
- **Mask mandates** – Masks should be worn in dining lines and indoor group settings.
- **Hand washing and sanitizing** – Leaders will encourage hand washing as often as possible.
- **Nurse review** – A nurse will review all pre-camp screenings and camper health records.
- **Dining Hall** – Staggered meal times and space for distancing will be enacted at meal times.
- **Maximizing outside activities** – As often as possible, campers will be outside to allow for airflow and distancing.
- **Cabins** – Sleeping will be in staggered positions and head-to-toe positioning.
- **Protocols for sick camper** – Standardized procedures for handling campers showing symptoms.
- **Cleaning protocols** – Activity items and areas will be routinely cleaned throughout the day.
- **Worship** – Masks will continue to be worn during worship if inside and cohorts will distance.
- **Airflow** – Increased ventilation and circulation will be provided in indoor settings.
- **Staff cleaning procedures** – Procedures will be provided for staff for cleaning and disinfection.
- **Staff safety procedures** – Procedures will be provided for staff related to masks, distancing, etc.

We’re intent on minimizing the risks, while trying to ensure that your children have a fun and safe experience this summer. We continue to monitor guidance from the CDC, State of Oklahoma, American Camp Association, and Association of Camp Nurses. If you have any more questions, feel free to reach out to our office or visit our website to review all of our summer Covid-19 guidelines.

Yours in Christ,

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