

YOUTH CAMPS FOR CHRIST | Camp Willow Springs & Camp Willow Run

Summer Camp & COVID-19

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The health and safety of our campers, guests, and staff are of utmost importance to us. We have worked with our local health department to comply with regulations from our state and local authorities as we developed a plan for summer camp. We cannot guarantee that no one will contract COVID-19 or any type of illness while at camp and by sending your child to camp you acknowledge and accept that risk. The following plans will be in effect for summer camp this year in order to reduce the risk to our campers and staff. Camp families will be notified by email of any changes to these plans if regulations change.

COVID-19 CHECK-IN & DAILY SCREENING

All campers and staff will be screened when they arrive at camp and are required to have a completed “COVID-19 Waiver and release of Legal Liability” form on file.

- Campers and staff will be required to submit a completed 14-Day Pre-Camp Health Screening Form upon arrival.
- We will be checking the temperatures of all campers and staff as they arrive.
- If anyone has a fever of greater than 100.4°F, they will not be admitted to the camp session and will be given a full refund.

Campers and staff will have daily symptom screenings.

Once camp is in session, if a camper displays COVID-like symptoms, they will be quarantined and we ask that families be available to pick up their child if necessary.

LIMITING INTERACTIONS

We have decreased our overall camper capacity working with a maximum of 8 campers per dormitory wing or boxcar at a time. Campers will practice “head to toe” sleeping arrangements so their breathing is not directly next to each other.

Check-in will be done outdoors. Parents will drop their child off with the counselor at their child’s dorm wing/boxcar, but will not be permitted to enter the housing unit.

Each dorm wing/boxcar will be paired with another group with which they will spend the majority of their time together in the camp program. Interaction between campers will still be limited to within the camper’s dorm wing/boxcar.

There will be no camp-wide or large group activities that require interaction between camper groups this summer.

Campers will rotate around to activities as a dorm wing/boxcar group. Since camper groups cannot mix, there will be no daily sign-ups for activities.

Camper groups will be physically distanced from other camper groups during Bible Study sessions.

Staff will arrive early for staff training and quarantine before campers arrive.

There will be no closing program. Parents will pick their child up directly outside of their child's dorm wing/boxcar.

We will not be able to allow visitors, including parents, this summer.

MASKS

Staff will wear masks and appropriate PPE for check-in and check-out.

Masks will not be required for campers and staff when they are inside their dorm wing/boxcar or anytime they are interacting within their dorm wing/boxcar group. Masks will be required if interacting for longer than 15 minutes at less than 6 feet with someone outside of their group. However, our program is structured so that opportunities for this type of interaction are not a part of the typical day.

Campers are welcome to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

While we already strive for excellence in the care and cleaning of our camp facilities and the promotion of camper hygiene, we recognize that COVID-19 calls for additional steps to be taken:

- Additional hand sanitizer locations will be added around camp.
- Campers will continue to be reminded to wash their hands before meals and frequently throughout the day.
- Public restrooms will be cleaned several times daily.
- High-touch areas (e.g., doors, doorknobs, faucet handles) will receive ongoing and routine cleaning and disinfection.
- The practice of drinking directly from water fountains will be discontinued. Cups of water are for campers as needed.

QUARANTINE & NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Staff and campers will be isolated for a fever above 100.4 °F and/or COVID-like symptoms that cannot be attributed to another illness.

- Campers will be removed from the camp program and their parents will be notified to pick them up. Unfortunately, campers will not have the opportunity to return to camp unless there is space in a later session and all CDC criteria for return are met.
- Staff will be removed from the camp program and will not be able to return until all CDC criteria for return are met.

YCFC will notify parents if their child had close contact of less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with any person with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

All camper families will be notified by email if a confirmed case is identified during their child's session.

YCFC will continue to monitor regulations from our state and local authorities to decide if any new policies need to be added or existing policies adjusted from this plan. Camp families will be notified by email of any changes. If for any reason you feel that these changes will impact your camper's participation in camp and you decide to cancel their registration then a full refund will be issued.

FAQ's

1. **Will there be as many campers as usual?** No, we will operate at no more than 8 campers per dorm wing/boxcar to allow for recommended physical distancing and to ensure compliance with the plan for camp developed with our local and state authorities.
2. **How will interactions be limited?** Camper interactions will be limited to other campers within their dorm wing/boxcar group. Campers will eat, participate in activities, and attend Bible Study together as a group throughout the whole session. Physical distancing between groups will be maintained during meals, Bible Study sessions, and throughout the camp program.
3. **How will you screen campers?** Campers will need to turn in a completed "14 Day Pre-Camp Health Screening Form" upon arrival. A negative COVID-19 test will not be required. At check-in, temperatures will be checked for each camper and a questionnaire regarding symptoms will be completed. Campers will be screened daily for symptoms.
4. **What other steps are you taking to promote health and good hygiene?** We are increasing the frequency of the cleaning and disinfection of public restrooms and high-touch areas. Campers will be reminded to wash hands and utilize hand sanitizer stations prior to meals and throughout the day.
5. **Will the schedule look the same as usual?** The schedule will be very similar, but the freeswim and group games/field games times will be adjusted to allow campers to experience additional recreation opportunities within their camper groups.
6. **Can my camper still sign up for activities?** All campers will experience activities on a rotation basis with their assigned camper group. Sign-ups for limited waterskiing spaces will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
7. **Will campers need to wear masks?** Masks will not be required for campers and staff when they are inside their dorm wing/boxcar or anytime they are interacting within their dorm wing/boxcar group. Masks will be required if interacting for longer than 15 minutes at less than 6 feet with someone outside of their group. However, our program is structured so that opportunities for this type of interaction are not a part of the typical day. Campers are welcome to wear a mask if they choose to do so.
8. **What will the check-in process look like?** Check-in will occur outside. Parents will drop their child off with their assigned counselor at the dorm wing/boxcar, but will not be permitted to enter the housing unit.

9. **Will it feel like “normal” camp?** Last summer we saw that while there were a few things that looked and felt different, there was still so much about the camp experience that was the same. We expect a similar outcome this year! YCFC remains committed to our mission to see young people know Jesus, grow in Him, and have fun! Campers will still spend time with awesome and loving staff, build new friendships with other campers, experience lots of fun activities, and participate in daily Bible study sessions. We truly believe that this will be a summer to create great memories that will last a lifetime.
10. **Will visitors be allowed?** No visitors will be allowed during the camp session.
11. **Can I still drop off care packages and letters?** To reduce the handling of packages and mail, we will not have a drop off area this year. Parents are encouraged to include camper letters in their luggage for each day. Please no care packages or food. We will not accept care packages at check-in.
12. **Will the camp store be open?** An outdoor store will be set-up for purchases.
13. **What if my child displays COVID-like symptoms?** Your child will be removed from the camp program and quarantined under the supervision of a camp healthcare person. Parents will be notified and you will be asked to make arrangements to pick up your child.
14. **What if a child in my camper’s dorm wing/boxcar displays COVID-like symptoms?** YCFC will notify parents if their child had close contact of within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with any person with a confirmed case of COVID-19. All camper families will be notified by email if any confirmed cases are identified during their child’s session.