



# CAMP PINNACLE

## 2020 SUMMER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **WILL MY CHILD BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE MASK WHILE AT CAMP?**

In most cases, campers will not be asked to wear masks at camp. We have structured camp so that cabin groups are able to distance themselves from other cabins, allowing them to spend time on camp without masks. Campers will be required to wear a mask during the check-in process on opening day. They will need to wear a mask if they present symptoms that cannot be attributed to another illness, or if they need to leave camp for any health reason to visit a doctor. If someone in your child's cabin has tested positive for COVID-19, they will wear a mask until our medical team is able to clear them as "healthy." We have added one washable cloth mask to the packing list.

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### **WILL STAFF BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS?**

Staff will be required to wear masks when social distancing is not possible with campers outside of their cabin or "neighborhood." Staff will also be required to wear masks on opening day, when driving a van full of campers who are not in their cabin, and when preparing and serving food.

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### **YOU ARE USING THE CONCENTRIC CIRCLE OF INFECTION PREVENTION MODEL; WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR CAMP?**

Camp Pinnacle has always been a cabin-centered camp where campers participate in most activities in their cabin group. This has made our program very adaptable to the new ACA guidance. When campers arrive at camp, they will be thoroughly screened using a new pre-camp form and an enhanced opening day screening process. Their cabin group is considered a family. Each cabin group will belong to a "neighborhood" consisting of four cabin groups of similar age. Each neighborhood will gather separately for evening activities, meals, and assemblies. Though campers will interact within their neighborhoods, a level of social distance will still be maintained. Camp will consist of four neighborhoods of approximately 40 campers and 10 counselors each. The outdoor staff, director team, kitchen team, and facilities team will all be separate neighborhoods. This lets us reduce spread if the disease were to be present at camp and quickly enable contact tracing. Campers will see campers in other neighborhoods, but only be outside with appropriate social distancing.

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### **WHAT ABOUT SLEEPING IN CABINS?**

All cabins at camp are "open air" with screens and brand new industrial fans to improve air flow. Campers sleep head to toe in bunk beds, and all heads are at least six feet apart, meeting NCDHHS and American Camp Association standards.

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### **WILL YOU BE HOSTING INTERNATIONAL CAMPERS AND STAFF THIS SUMMER?**

We are very sad not to see our wonderful international campers and counselors this year. Simply put, international travel is too risky this year, and all visitors would need to quarantine for 14 days prior to arriving at camp. We will hope to welcome our international friends back to camp in 2021.

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### **WILL THERE BE NEW PAPERWORK TO FILL OUT?**

Parents will need to sign an additional release form and a parent agreement reinforcing their responsibilities and commitment to making sure their child arrives at camp healthy. As always, we ask parents to update their health form in the few days before camp, and there will be additional documentation required for daily temperature checks in the seven days prior to camp.

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### **HOW WILL MEALS WORK THIS SUMMER?**

Campers will continue to wash their hands at our handwashing stations prior to entering the dining room. Our brand-new, huge dining room will easily allow for social distancing. Cabin groups will eat together daily and share mealtimes with their neighborhood. Two neighborhoods will share a dining room shift, but each will have their own side of the dining room and private buffet line. Campers will be served at the buffet line by counselors wearing masks. Our dining room sanitation will be enhanced this year and include thorough cleaning between meals. Each neighborhood will still have cookouts from time to time.

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### **WILL CAMP BE FULL THIS SUMMER?**

We will be reducing our capacity by 25 percent this summer to 160 campers per session. These smaller numbers reduce overall risk, improve social distancing on our 126-acre campus, and allow campers to be to participate in even more activities.

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### **WHAT DOES PRE-CAMP SELF-QUARANTINE MEAN?**

By pre-camp self-quarantine, we mean limiting exposure to non-family members, wearing a face mask around non-family members, avoiding large crowds/gatherings, and limiting unnecessary travel.

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### **WHAT IF MY CHILD GETS SICK WHILE AT CAMP?**

This summer, we will have at least two registered nurses and an EMT on camp 24/7. In addition, we have been working closely with our camp physician, Dr. Andrew Morris, and the Henderson County Health Department to create a plan of action for COVID-19. We have also updated our infectious disease plan to include COVID-19. Part of our plan is ensuring that campers with any medical issues we frequently see at camp still receive the same level of care we have always promised. We will be dividing our Health Center into two separate buildings, allowing for all campers to be cared for in a clean environment based on their specific needs (separating campers with any COVID-like symptoms from others).

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### **WILL MY CHILD NEED TO QUARANTINE AFTER CAMP?**

We can never forget that a child with an asymptomatic case of COVID-19 may be able to spread that infection to others who may be far more vulnerable. For that reason, we will ask you to continue to monitor your child for two-weeks after camp and keep them away from anyone possessing elevated risk factors.

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### **WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE IN MY CHILD'S CABIN TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?**

Despite screening and careful measures, it is impossible to guarantee that campers and staff will not contract COVID-19 while at camp. We will take every precaution to keep our camp community healthy. If a camper or counselor tests positive for COVID-19, we would limit their cabin's interactions with other cabins at camp. We would do this in such a way that would allow for campers to continue to have fun and participate in a variety of activities. Once campers have been cleared by our medical team, they will be able to resume typical daily camp activities. They will be continually monitored for symptoms.

We have set aside specific cabins at camp as "Quarantine Cabins," designed to be used only as a place to isolate a camper who tests positive for COVID-19 from the rest of the camp community.

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### **WHAT IS YOUR CAMP QUARANTINE PLAN?**

Camp Pinnacle will essentially be isolated during the summer. Only essential visitors (health inspectors, camp doctor, food delivery, etc.) will be allowed on property for the duration of the summer. They must wear a mask and be screened. Our staff team may not leave camp except when on official camp-sponsored trips.

Should a child become sick with symptoms where COVID-19 cannot be eliminated, they will wear a mask and be quarantined. They will be tested at Dr. Morris' discretion. A camper who tests positive will be quarantined in a special cabin and await pick-up and return home by a parent or designated guardian. Campers who may have had contact with the infected child may also be tested. The cabin group will not be allowed to interact with the other cabins in their neighborhood until they have been cleared by our doctor.

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### **COULD CAMP STILL BE CANCELED?**

We hope not, but the answer is yes. Our decision to open camp has been made after careful reflection on risk versus reward. As we gather new information and assess the most current information on disease spread, we reserve the right to not open Camp Pinnacle or close down camp, if we feel that is the safest option for the health and safety of our campers and counselors.

This summer, all parents must be available to pick up campers within 24 hours' notice.

While Camp Pinnacle is permitted to open in North Carolina's phase 2, we have delayed our opening to be a week later than the projected arrival of phase 3. Should NC see a significant rise in disease spread, and go back into lockdown, Camp Pinnacle would not remain open.