

Summer 2021 Camp Preparations: COVID-19

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are keeping our fingers crossed here at Prairie Springs that we will be able to run our annual summer camps. It's the highlight of our year! We are proceeding forward as usual and will keep everyone posted should something change. Registration for all camps will begin in March 2021. Should we need to make any adjustments and/or cancel camp, we will keep you updated and provide a full refund upon cancellation. Our camps did run in the 2020 season, that's a positive sign that they will again in 2021.

Carroll University COVID-19 Policies

Prairie Springs is part of Carroll University; thus, we must follow all guidelines of the University. Carroll is currently following all CDC and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services guidelines for COVID-19. Additions for camp this year:

- **Each camper must come to camp with their own mask every day.** Every camper must wear their own mask while indoors (staff will be wearing them also). Luckily, we will spend most of the time outdoors and won't need to wear them with proper social distancing.
- Those picking up and dropping off campers must wear masks.
- Campers that are not from the same household will be kept 6' apart as much as possible, especially when indoors.
- We will be having the campers and staff wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout each day of camp.
- We will have everyone help to clean surfaces a lot more frequently as well.
- Finally, we ask that everyone band together in an effort to follow the symptom monitoring procedures below.

Symptom Monitoring Procedures

Our best procedure for staying safe during camp is making a collective effort to make sure no campers, those they live with, and those picking them up / dropping them off are sick. All parents/guardians should assess their own health and their campers' health each morning to see if they are showing any symptoms of the virus. If your child has symptoms associated with COVID-19, they should remain home. If you have symptoms, your child should stay home. This also means any siblings that are in camp should remain home also. If there are other friends or family members picking up or dropping off campers that are showing symptoms, campers should remain home.

The CDC's current list of symptoms includes:

- Persistent Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat

- New loss of taste or smell

Note that some previously listed symptoms, such as a runny nose and sneezing, are no longer considered symptoms of COVID-19 by the CDC. If you are unsure if you, your child, or designated pick-up/drop-off person has COVID-19 symptoms, please lean on the cautious side and do not come to camp.

We really want everyone to be safe. We understand that sometimes kids don't want to miss out on camp or parents are counting on camp as childcare. However, everyone is at risk if one person who is showing symptoms chooses to come to camp anyway. We strongly suggest that parents have a **Plan B** for each day of camp should symptoms show within the household and a camper needs to stay home. **Start planning ahead now.**

If symptoms or illness arises in your household before camp starts, please just let me know. We will give you a full refund for the camp. We just want you to stay home and be safe!

We will keep you posted!

Thank you,

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