

What to Expect at Camp

COVID-19 Procedures/Protocols 5/1/22

Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Participants will be taught/reminded to cover coughs and sneezes
- Participants will be expected to properly and regularly wash their hands and avoid touching their faces
- Participants are encouraged to have their vaccinations and wear face coverings when indoors or close to others.
- Staff will be trained on proper use of personal protective equipment.
- Signs will be placed in appropriate areas throughout the Riveredge facility to help encourage and remind participants of safe practices

Increased Cleaning and Sanitation Practices

- Frequently touched surfaces in the building will be disinfected and cleaned at a minimum of once daily
- Staff members will be trained and supplied with appropriate disinfectants
- Equipment will be sanitized or stored for the recommended period of time between uses whenever possible
- Additional hand washing stations will be set up around the facility
- Participants and staff will wash hands or sanitize between activities and before and after eating

Social Distancing Practices

- Camp groups will remain consistent throughout the week
- Each camp group will have their own “homebase” location with designated indoor meeting area and cleaning supplies that will only be accessible to them
- Snacks and meals will be consumed outdoors as weather allows
- Interaction between camps will be limited to the best of our ability

Limited Sharing Practices

- Participants will not be allowed to share food or beverages
- Participants will need to provide a sturdy reusable water bottle
- Shared equipment will be sanitized or set aside for the recommended time between uses
- Participants will be assigned the same equipment to use throughout the week, when possible
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own supplies when able (lifejacket, crayons, markers, scissors, etc.)
- Participants will be provided with their own space to store their gear and supplies
- Participants will need to carry their own gear while hiking, a well fitting backpack (rather than a string bag) are highly recommended

Monitoring and Preparing

- Participants will need to stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms or someone in their household is feeling sick or exhibiting symptoms and may only return with a negative test result
- Participants are asked to self screen for COVID-19 symptoms beginning 14 days prior to as well as continue for 14 days after their camp experience
- If your participant is at a higher risk for complications related to Covid-19, please feel free to take additional precautionary measures including consulting your primary care physician.
- Riveredge reserves the right to refuse entrance anyone who pose a communicable disease risk to others
- Any participant who displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home as soon as possible
- Participants will not return until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation
- Participants exposed to a person with COVID-19 will be informed if possible and will be encouraged to seek appropriate health care
- A communication system will be implemented for participants for self-reporting of symptoms, notifications of exposure and potential closure of the facility

Camper Drop Off

- Each camp group will receive a 15 minute drop-off and pick up window at the parking loop nearest their “homebase”
- Camp start times will be staggered to allow parents to drop-off/pick-up multiple children
- Parent(s) and siblings will remain in the vehicle during this time
- Parent(s) will pick a “code word” to be used at all pick-up/drop-off times to confirm parental permission
- Participant will sanitize hands and join their group

Camper Pick Up

- Participants will gather all wet gear, water bottle, lunch box, and any other necessary materials to be returned home and washed before the next day
- Participant will wait in a safe zone for parent to arrive
- Parent will arrive at same parking loop during their 15 minute pick up window and provide child’s name and safe word
- Parent(s) and siblings will remain in the vehicle
- Child will sanitize hands and join family

Extended Care

- Will be available from 7:30 am to camp start and camp end to 5:30 pm for all families that need it

- Please notify Steff Merten smerten@riveredge.us if you would like to add extended care for your child
- Extended care participants will be contacted separately with additional instructions

Summer Camp Overnights

- Campers are not required to spend the night. They may be picked up anytime between 4-9pm on Thursday if the overnight is not a good fit for your family. If your child is unsure about spending the night but wants to give it a try, we are happy to work with you and them.
- All food will be prepared and served lunchline style by Riveredge staff members, no volunteer or camper help will be used. The staff will be masked and gloved while preparing and serving food. Campers will eat outdoors near the barn and will be spread out, similar to our regular camp lunchtime.
- Campers will provide their own tent, share a tent with other campers with family permission, or bring a tarp to use with Riveredge provided individual sized mosquito nets. Mosquito nets have been the long standing Explorer overnight option and additional nets will be purchased this year to ensure that all are in great condition and that we have enough for each camp. If campers are providing their own tent, they will need to know how to set it up as well as take it down. Camp staff are happy to help however while we know lots of tent styles, we are not experts on every style.
- We will play the traditional games, fishing, frog catching, swimming, and night hikes that we would normally do to round out the evening. Each camp group, Explorers or Guardians, will have their own sleeping areas. Tents and mosquito nets will be spread out to allow plenty of spacing.
- In the morning, campers will eat breakfast, pack their gear, and put away Riveredge equipment and be ready to pick up at 9 am.

Explorer/Guardian OVERNIGHTS WITH INCLEMENT WEATHER

- The alternate plan will have campers sleep in their indoor meeting locations, the main center, and or the barn. They will participate in as many of the regularly scheduled activities as possible with historical rainy day overnight activities as a backup. Families that are not comfortable with their child spending the night are able to pick their child up anytime between 4-9pm.