

Health & Safety in our Day to Day Operations

While it is true that a healthy camp starts at home, once our campers arrive we want to continue to ensure the health of our camp community by implementing a wide range of new policies and procedures that focus on keeping our campers and staff healthy.

Daily Health Screenings

To ensure the on-going health of our campers and staff, all campers and staff will be required to complete a daily health screening each morning before breakfast.

This health screening will include a temperature check and a question about any COVID19 related symptoms that a person may be experiencing.

This information will be entered into each person's CampDoc account each day. The CampDoc system allows us to then track any trends that may be occurring within our camp community and help us catch an upward trend of communicable disease symptoms before it becomes widespread.

If at any time a camper has a fever of 100.4° or greater, they will be immediately moved to a separate location in our medical facility and will be observed for 1 hour. During this time the camper will be given water and a cool place to relax, if the fever does not decrease it may be an indicator of an illness and you will be asked to come and pick up your child immediately.

Cabin Basics

Each camper will be assigned a cabin group for the week. Each cabin group will have 1-2 counselors depending on the number of campers in the group. This cabin group will stay together all week for purposes of program activities and meal times.

While each cabin has the capacity to sleep 12 campers, we will do our best this summer to limit the number of campers assigned to each cabin as much as possible. We know that the smaller the group size, the better.

While in the cabin, campers will be assigned bunks and will be asked to sleep head to feet from the person in the bunk opposite of them. Ideally all campers would be 6 feet apart from each other and while our bunks aren't quite 6 feet apart, this sleeping configuration will help to combat the spread of droplets through the air.

When packing for camp, please only pack the necessary items. All items brought to camp have the potential to spread germs and we want to eliminate as many germs as possible. Please also talk to your child about staying organized while in the cabin. Keeping clothing items and other personal items within their own bunk area will prevent the spread of germs from one person to another.

Dining Hall

One of the largest gathering spaces in camp is our dining hall. This means this is also the place where germs can be shared very easily. To combat this, we will be assigning each cabin group to be part of a larger “dining group”. There will be 2-3 dining groups each week depending on the total number of campers in camp. These dining groups will eat all meals together, with tables separated at least 6 feet apart for each cabin group.

The dining groups will eat in shifts so that we have as few people as possible in the dining hall at one time. Each cabin group will also have the option to take their food outside and eat picnic style at each mealtime, further allowing for physical distancing between cabin groups.

All of our meals at Camp Nan A Bo Sho are served cafeteria line style. We have installed a plexiglass barrier between the kitchen and the dining area to prevent the spread of germs between campers and the kitchen staff. Each cabin group will walk through the food line together and will be seated at their table before the next cabin group will be allowed to enter the dining hall.

To limit the spread of germs through shared utensils and serving items, we have eliminated all self-serve stations. These stations include the salad bar and morning cereal bar. These food options will still be available, they will just be served to the campers instead of it being self-serve. All beverages will also be served to campers instead of allowing a communal pitcher on each table.

“All Camp” Activities

A large part of the camp experience is the activities the campers get to participate in. To help keep our campers healthy and safe, all activities will be held within their own cabin group. “All camp” activities in which the entire camp community participates in the same activity at the same time will not take place this summer. Each cabin group will still have the option to play an evening game or go swimming, but they will do it within their own small group.

The only exception to this policy will be for campfires. We will allow campfires to be held within “dining groups” and with the rule that all campers and staff wear a mask during that time. Cabin groups will be spread out around the campfire ring with as much physical distance between cabin groups as possible. Camp will supply the masks for this activity.

Each cabin will have 1-2 counselors working with their cabin group for the week. Those counselors will remain the same for the entire week. Each program area (archery, arts & crafts, nature, swimming, etc.) is led by a program staff member with specialized training. While at any of those activities, the program staff member will be wearing a mask, as they will be working with all cabin groups throughout the week.

While we can implement lots of health and safety procedures and policies at camp to minimize the spread of illness, we can't guarantee that any location outside of our camp property is

doing the same. Because of this, all field trips have been cancelled for the summer. If your program was scheduled to participate in an off-site field trip your counselor has planned a creative and fun alternative for your cabin group.

This policy does not include our wilderness trips. Because of the location and remoteness of our wilderness trips, we can better ensure that our campers and staff will not be in contact with the general public and will still be able to maintain the “bubble” of our camp while off-site. Wilderness trips will still run as planned.

Cleaning/Sanitizing

To stop the spread of germs around camp we will be taking extra steps in our daily and weekly cleaning of camp.

Extra hand washing and sanitizing stations have been placed around camp. While handwashing with running water and soap is the best option, the location of running water limits the availability of that option. Counselors will be implementing a policy that after every 5 times a camper uses hand sanitizer they will then be asked to use hand soap and running water on the next wash.

Each program area includes a hand sanitization station that each camper will be asked to use before and after participating in that activity.

Each cabin also has a hand sanitation station outside the cabin door, campers will be asked to use the sanitizer each time they enter the cabin.

All program equipment will be cleaned/sanitized between each cabin groups use and again at the end of every day. This includes all equipment that has a non-porous surface as well as a sanitizing spray that will be used on porous surfaces.

All cabins and general use buildings (dining hall, welcome center, health center, bathhouse, etc.) will be thoroughly cleaned between camp sessions. Each of these buildings will also be cleaned/sanitized throughout the day by our camp staff at a minimum of every 4-6 hours depending on use.

To prevent the spread of germs on surfaces, all water fountains will be for filling of water bottles only. No drinking directly from a water fountain. Please make sure to send a reusable water bottle with your camper’s name on it.