

SUMMER CAMP 2021



CAMP YORKTOWN BAY

# SAFETY & OPERATING PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19

\*Please note that the content in this handbook is subject to change as we approach camp and receive new guidelines from CDC, ACA, and our health department regarding Covid-19.

# CAMP SESSIONS SHORTENED FOR PROPER SANITATION

**T**his summer, all of our camp sessions from Cub camp through Family camp will run for 6 days each. Instead of sessions running from Sunday-Sunday, this summer they will run from **Sunday-Friday**. On-site registration on Sunday's will begin at 1:30pm and camper pickup times on Friday will be between 2-4pm.

The reason for this change is to allow our staff to properly clean and disinfect the entire camp in between sessions. Staff will begin sanitation of entire camp once campers leave on Friday afternoon and staff will finish this task Sunday by noon.

## MAXIMIZING STAFF EFFICIENCY

By going to this format this summer, it will also allow us to maximize our effectiveness as staff. In the past, staff members have normally taken a weekday off during the camp week, leaving us with less staff members on duty any given day. In this model, we will have our full complement of staff and they will be able to connect with campers every day that campers are with us. Also, in this model, staff will all be able to have Sabbath off and truly enjoy the rest it was meant to provide.



# REDUCED NUMBER OF CAMPERS & STAFF

In order to keep with CDC, ACA, & Health Department recommendations and guidelines, we will be reducing the amount of campers and staff we accept for this upcoming summer. While the final numbers are still to be determined, we are currently planning on running at 65-70% capacity this summer. This is to help us be able to properly physical distance when possible and to help minimize and reduce the risk of contracting the virus in both campers as well as staff.

# ADJUSTMENT OF CAMP ACTIVITIES



This summer, we will be doing activities differently. Instead of campers choosing 4 activities and doing those 4 activities each day all week long, campers will instead be rotated through different activities throughout the week. Campers will be able to try each offered activity at least once during the week. The exception to this would be family camp, in which each family will choose their daily activities and do them as a family.

## **CABIN PODS**

In order to maximize safety for all, campers will rotate through their different activities throughout the week as a cabin unit or “pod”. This means that your cabin mates are also your activity teammates. There will be opportunities for cabins to team up with other cabins for certain recreational activities/games.

## **KEEPING EQUIPMENT CLEAN**

Our activity staff will thoroughly clean and disinfect any items or equipment in between camper use and in between activity rotations. For example, the saddle and helmets at the horse barn or the harness at the ropes challenge course activities. Bows and arrows at archery. These are example of equipment that will be cleaned and disinfected after each camper use.

## **AQUATIC EQUIPMENT**

There is no current evidence that Covid-19 can be spread to people through a pool or other water play areas. Aquatic equipment will be cleaned and disinfected in between camper use and/or activity periods as needed. For example, oars and lifejackets will be disinfected after each use.

## **TEEN OUTPOST**

We will be continuing the tradition of outpost for our teen week campers. It might look a little different but we want to keep this special aspect of teen camp. The CYB staff is currently working on the details of this program.

# SAFETY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL



The safety precautions that our campers and families take prior to camp arrival is just as important as the safety measures we will be having at camp.

## **QUARANTINE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BEFORE ARRIVAL**

We will be asking all campers to limit their contact with groups of people as much as possible before arriving to camp. We encourage campers to mainly interact with family leading up to camp in order to help keep with safety measures. One negligent camper or staff member could make things extremely complicated for camp ministry this summer. Thank you for helping us with this precaution.

# REGISTRATION

**A**ll registration will need to be completed ahead of time through our online registration system. We will not be allowing walk-ins this summer. Everything from medical paperwork to putting money in your child's camp store account will need to be completed beforehand. Your child will not be considered as "registered" until everything is completed ahead of time. The only aspect of registration we will be doing on-site will be lice check and the receiving of your child's medication if they have any.

## **DRIVE THRU REGISTRATION UPON ARRIVAL**

When you arrive at camp to drop-off your camper, you will not need to get out of your car as we will be doing a quick drive-through finalization of registration on site. This will help minimize possible exposure and will help with our safety protocols. Thank you for understanding.

Because everything will have been completed online ahead of time, campers will already have their cabin assignment. They don't have to sign up for activities because they will all be rotating through the activities, and there will be no need to take payment, as parents would have already paid all registration fees for their camper.

So when you arrive to camp, staff will direct you where to go for lice check, and our staff will help your camper take their luggage to their cabin. Again, we ask that parents please stay in the car and not go into the cabins or other facilities for safety purposes. We will have assigned restrooms for parents who may need to use them. Again thank you for understanding.

You can register for camp at: [www.arklAYOUTh.com/summercamp](http://www.arklAYOUTh.com/summercamp)

# MASK USE WHILE AT CAMP



We are encouraging parents to send their campers with a minimum of 2 masks for their use during the week. The reason for 2 is because we understand that masks can get lost or dirty so we want every camper to have sufficient amount of face coverings for the entire week.

## **WHEN WILL MASKS NEED TO BE WORN**

Campers will need to wear masks when they are in close proximity with someone outside their cohort group. Masks will not be required during activities as campers will be with their cabin mates or, “pods” and our staff will encourage social distancing as necessary.

# CABIN & CAFETERIA SAFETY

**W**e are planning to keep campers safe even in their cabins. We are putting less campers in each cabin to help with physical distancing. Bunk beds will be spread out more than normal.

As far as keeping campers safe in the cafeteria, we plan to distance the tables sufficiently in order to provide social distancing for campers while they eat. If necessary, we also have the option of staggered eating times for campers in order to minimize the amount of people in the cafeteria at one time. We are currently working on other safeguard procedures such as campers remaining seated at their assigned tables and staff will bring them their food to their tables in order to avoid the long lines and close contact. Also there will not be a self-serve option of the cereal/salad bar. Designated staff will serve all food on deck.

## **SAFETY & STAYING HYDRATED**

Many campers are accustomed to coming into the cafeteria after an activity and drinking water from the water fountain. The water fountain will not be available this summer for safety reasons. Therefore, each camper should bring his/her own water bottle with them to camp and we will provide water stations where they can fill their water bottles. In the event they forget their water bottle, we will have some available at the camp store for purchase.

# SPIRITUALITY AT CAMP

**W**e highly value the spiritual atmosphere and programs at our camp. Camp singing and skits are part of what makes camp beautiful. For this summer, while we will be planning to have our typical camp council worship program and our campfire evening worship program. However, there will be adjustments. Campers will be spaced out as much as possible in order to provide proper physical distancing. In the event that camper pods are not able to sufficiently physical distance, they will be asked to wear their masks during the program, especially while singing.

## BAPTISMS AT CAMP

Baptisms are one of the highlights from any given summer at Camp. This year, campers won't be at camp on Saturday's when we normally do baptisms. However, if decisions are made for Jesus this summer, we will be conducting baptisms on Friday's. If your child decides to be baptized, we ask that only immediate family members attend while wearing mask and following the camp's safety protocols. We also ask that parents immediately take the camper home after baptism and not linger on the camp premises in order to help us maintain our safety protocols.

# VISITORS

**V**isitors will not be allowed on the camp premises while Summer Camp is in session this year. The only people that will be allowed through camp gates will be parents/authorized pickup persons who are coming to pick up their camper. A parent picking up their camper will be asked to remain in their vehicle while camp staff help camper and their belongings to the vehicle.

## NO CYB MOTEL RESERVATIONS

While in past years we have allowed some of our motel rooms to be reserved during summer camp season, this year we will not be able to accommodate this. We will be using the camp motel rooms as isolation/quarantine rooms in the event of a possible covid exposure or outbreak.



# CYB COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PLAN FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURE

**W**e hope to avoid covid-19 within our campers and staff. In the event that we do have a confirmed case at camp or even a suspected case, the following steps will be followed.

- We will immediately inform parents/legal guardians about any potential contact their children/staff may have had with either suspected or confirmed cases.
- We will communicate with parents/legal guardians if their children/staff are experiencing any symptoms.
- The camper/staff member will be quarantined in a designated room for such cases with Covid and camper/staff will be observed for a short time.
- If a camper is suspected of having covid, the camper's "pod" or cabin will immediately go into quarantine and evaluated further.
- If camper/staff symptoms persist, our camp nurse practitioner will make the determination in conjunction with our camp director, whether a parent/guardian will need to come pick up their child from camp.

- The camper/staff may be tested at a local hospital, clinic, or health department at the discretion of our medical and admin team. Contract tracing will also be done.