

May 7, 2020

Dear Parents,

As the start date of Summer Camp approaches, I wanted to touch base with you to let you know what I am planning in regards to the safety of your child in this COVID-19 pandemic.

With Georgia and the majority of the country beginning to open up it is necessary to protect ourselves the best way possible, and with tighter, and stricter safeguards put in place.

We will be following the CDC Guidelines for social distancing, hygiene, and other protocols to ensure the safety and well being of our campers and staff. These new measures will fall in line with the safety precautions that we already have in place for camp.

We will be taking the temperatures of each staff member and camper everyday upon arrival to camp. We will have a staff member greeting everyone at the front of the farm to take the temperature of your camper. We will create a staggered arrival time by last name to ensure we are safely distanced from each other. We will ask that you remain in your car, window rolled down to access temperature of your camper. IF your camper has a temperature of 99.5 or higher, they will not be allowed to camp. It goes without saying that if your camper shows any signs of illness that you keep them home.

We will be implementing the 6ft social distancing. We are on 130 acres, and will have the kids spread apart accordingly. In the event that the heat indices are high, or the possibility of a thunderstorm we will take shelter in the clubhouse. With this being said, we will have each camper and staff member put on a mask while in the clubhouse. It may be harder to maintain the 6 feet apart social distancing in these instances. I will note, that in the event anytime a staff member needs to treat a scrapped knee or anything that may require closer contact, i.e. handing out popsicles, assisting with bait on fishing poles, etc.. myself and/or my staff will wear a mask. We may ask that your child put one on as well for a few minutes to take care of the issue. They will never be asked to wear a mask while playing or any other activity.

All of our equipment, fishing poles, bows and arrows, saddles, reins, restrooms will be sanitized after each use. Any common areas that are used will be sanitized as well. Card and board games will be discontinued this year as they are a little more difficult to clean. Popsicles will be distributed by one staff member who will don a mask and a clean pair of gloves to each camper. Your camper will tell them which color they'd like. Campers will no longer be allowed to reach their hand in the bag to get their own.

Lunches and snacks. In an effort to reduce items brought from home I am asking that each camper bring their lunch and/or snacks in disposable bags and containers. If you could send your camper with at least two bottles of water that can be thrown out when they are finished. I will have recycling containers for the plastic bottles. You can pick up paper lunch sacks at the grocery store if plastic is not an option. We will not be using the 5-gallon water cooler this year to refill water bottles. We will have cold bottled water that only one staff member will distribute if necessary, and they will put on a fresh pair of gloves and mask each time. These precautions hopefully eliminate the risk of any germs being brought home as well.

In the past I have asked that each child bring a change of clothes as they get wet and/or muddy. If you would like to do this, I ask that you leave the change of clothes in your car and allow them to change when you arrive to pick them up so they do not get your car dirty and/or bring home any germs.

The issues with the masks are still be discussed in the scientific and medical communities. I feel that when necessary, a mask on staff and campers is necessary to reduce the spread of a sneeze or cough, even droplets from talking. It doesn't provide 100% protection, but it certainly can reduce your chances of spreading germs.

I am sure that in the coming weeks we will hear more information in regards to summer camps and protocols. The best thing about this camp is that we are outdoors. Most will agree that being outside in the warm sunshine is good for you.

At the end of the day, your child's health and safety is very important to me. If new suggestions become available to make camp even safer, I will implement them immediately.

All of us at Activities Abound Summer Camp are so excited to see your camper.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns you may have.

See you soon,

Joel Mooney, Director

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