

Day Camp FAQ

How are you operating camp safely this summer?

We are operating camp based on the guidelines that have been released by the CDC and American Camping association. We are always practicing social distancing throughout the day. Although different groups may see each other throughout the day there will be no co-mingling of groups at any time. Each indoor space has allotted 100 square feet/camper as is recommended by the CDC. Campers and staff will have masks and PPE available to them. Before and after each individual activity campers will wash or sanitize their hands. IE before climbing the rock wall and after coming down. Campers and staff will wash hands multiple times/day. Additional PPE will be required of staff in certain situations. ie staff will wear a face shield while helping kids with climbing harnesses.

Will campers and staff wear masks?

Scarf masks will be provided to both campers and staff. Both will be required to wear masks while in enclosed/indoor spaces. While outside campers and staff won't be required to wear masks, however, if they feel more comfortable, we will encourage it. Campers will take the facemask home at the end of each day. We encourage families to hand wash and air dry the mask and will require them to bring it back the following morning.

Will campers swim?

The Department of Health isn't recommending swimming in pools currently. Lake swimming is permitted, and we plan to swim in the lake. All campers will be socially distanced, and campers will sanitize or wash hands before and after each activity. We will maintain the additional waterfront safety measures you have grown accustomed to as well. Lifeguards, low ratios, supervision, etc.

What is your refund policy if we don't feel comfortable sending our child?

Because of the uncertain times we are willing to be flexible on our traditional refund policy. Traditionally we would only allow a Dr. note for cancellation and a refund. We know these are uncertain times. If you cancel within two weeks of your campers' session you can either push your registration fees into next year, receive a full refund or make a tax-deductible donation. If you cancel closer than two weeks to your campers' session without a Dr. note you will forfeit your registration fees.

Do you still have spots available?

Currently we do have spots available. In order to give the maximum number of people a chance at coming to camp this summer we are trying to fill those spots in the following order. Depending on availability in each session. 1. We will be calling everyone on the current day camp waitlists. 2. We will be reaching out to overnight camp families who have said they would like a day camp spot. 3. We will be reaching out to all overnight camp families to see if they want a spot. 4. We will open up the ability for current day camp families to register for more than our traditionally allowed number of weeks.

I see two programs happening at Minikani. What are the differences? Why the difference in cost?

The difference in pricing between the ACA camp (traditional Minikani day camp) and the licensed camp at YMCA Camp Minikani is due to regulations and curriculum requirements put in place by both our licensing body and the American Camp Association. Some activities for the ACA camp require us to meet certain standards and criteria, and require specialized training/certifications, for us to operate them and kids to participate in them. This is similar to the difference in activities (skills) that are identified for traditional overnight campers and day campers in a regular summer here at Camp Minikani. Many activities will be available to both the licensed camp and the ACA camp including swimming in the lake. The licensed camp will also have time built in their schedule to focus specifically on social and emotional development and fall school readiness and therefore won't have the same amount of time to participate in the same number of traditional camp activities.

What will communications look like this summer?

Communication will look like what it has in past summers. Before your campers' session you will receive a reminder of any paperwork your child is missing. We implore you to upload that online in order to limit the amount of paperwork we need to handle on opening day. You will receive a check in email with specific details on what/where/when drop off and pick up will be taking place one week prior to your campers' session. You will receive a phone call from your campers' counselor before the first day of your campers' session on Sunday night. This is a great time to get to know your counselor and ask questions. Stay tuned on our Facebook page for daily photos and updates. Mid-week you will receive an email from our unit director talking about how the week is going. After your campers' session you will receive an email with a survey. This is important feedback for us as we can make real time changes throughout summer. And as always be sure to ask your camper questions each day about the wonderful experience they are having!

What will check in/check out look like?

Check will happen car side with our staff. Upon arrival to camp we will split into 4 lanes in our upper parking lot. At that point we will check you in, take your campers' temperature and issue them their mask. You will then drive to a pre-specified location (you will receive this location in your check in email) to drop off your camper with their group. Unless there is inclement weather all pick up and drop off will happen outdoors. In case of inclement weather each group is assigned a large indoor space where we can properly socially distance. For pick up you can simply drive to your groups' assigned area to pick up your child car side.

What does the first day look like?

The first day of camp will be like a traditional first day. Each camper (if comfortable) will do a swim check in the lake, lice check (staff in masks and face shields), and health intake. This health intake is a series of questions we ask your camper such as: have you been feeling sick anytime in the last two weeks, have you had a running nose or been very stuffy, etc. Please know if your child is exhibiting any signs or symptoms of Covid-19 we will ask you to pick them up and not come back to camp until they have been clear of symptoms for 48 hours (without the assistance of Tylenol or other fever reducing medicine) or have a negative Covid-19 test.

What does the schedule look like?

The daily schedule is very similar to our traditional day camp schedule. Some activities may not be able to take place based on safety protocols. We have also built in more time into the schedule to ensure hand washing, and sanitization. We are still going to have Password each morning, Steel wolf, and bear claws.

What if my child gets sick while they are at camp?

If your child is experiencing any signs or symptoms of Covid-19 we implore you to not send them to camp. If signs or symptoms of Covid-19 are seen in your child while at camp that camper will be quarantined, and you would be expected to pick them up.

Tell me about staffing.

There will be two staff members assigned to each group. One on the morning shift and one on the evening shift with some overlap in the middle. These staff will be the only staff your child will have all week. At night when staff go home, we are requiring them to maintain proper social distancing and limit their contact with other people. If staff should have signs/symptoms of Covid-19 that staff member will be immediately quarantined and not allowed to interact with others until symptom free for 48 hours (hours (without the assistance of Tylenol or other fever reducing medicine) or have a negative Covid-19 test.

Will you have a nurse on site?

There will be a nurse on site for all hours of operation during camp.