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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE GETTING TO CAMP?

What can/should I be doing now to prepare for summer?

- Take the pre-camp quarantine protocols seriously. If everyone quarantines and everyone comes with negative results, we should have minimal issues this summer!
- Read the COVID Action Plan.

What do you mean by “Safe at Home Quarantine?”

- We are asking that campers and staff (and their families, if possible) undergo a 10-day “safer at home quarantine” prior to Opening Day. This does not mean you or your camper can’t go to school, work, run essential errands, etc. Places like these, where proper precautions are being taken (mask wearing, social distancing, proper hand washing) are acceptable if necessary.
- We are asking that you not attend large gatherings where precautions are not being taken, or parties, reunions, etc. This is key to the safety of camp and not bringing COVID into Horizons this summer.

Will there be testing and/or screening?

- All campers will be required to take a rapid antigen test on Opening Day. These tests are provided at no cost to families.
- We are no longer requiring campers to report to camp with a negative COVID-19 test taken prior to Opening Day. We do ask that campers quarantine at home to the best of their abilities during the 10 days prior to Opening Day.
- Temperature checks and a basic screening (questions), regarding how the camper is feeling, will take place before breakfast each day.
- All staff and counselors will undergo testing and screening prior to and upon arrival at camp to ensure that the staff are fully COVID-free before interacting with other staff and the campers.

What forms do I need to submit prior to camp?

All of these forms will be available in your Parent Dashboard and must be completed by May 14th:

- COVID-19 Waiver Form
- Camper Profile
- Parent Handbook Acknowledgment
- Medical Forms 1-4
- Immunization Records (not mandatory, but encouraged)
- Community Agreement
- Special Pick-Up/Drop-Off Forms (if someone other than a guardian is picking them up or dropping them off)
- Equestrian Camp Waiver, if applicable
- Equestrian Lessons/Trail Ride Waiver, if applicable
- Via Ferrata Waiver, if applicable
- Canopy Tour Waiver, if applicable
- Rock Climbing Waiver, if applicable

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What is the Health Form and where do I get it?

- Two weeks before your session, you will receive an email containing the Health Form. It is a very basic sheet that asks you to confirm statements about your camper and tracks their temperature for the 10 days before their session.
- You must bring this form with you on Opening Day.
- We ask that you be completely honest with your answers. It is imperative that we have correct information to ensure we are following the highest level of safety.

What extra supplies do I need to pack this summer?

- 7 cloth masks, labeled
- Personal hand sanitizer and hand lotion.
- Additional cleaning/sanitizing wipes you want your camper to have

Can my camper fly in or take the bus?

- We will not be offering any transportation this summer. All campers must get to and leave camp on their own. If you are coming from out of state, consider coming a few days early and doing a quarantine.

Are there expected changes for Opening/ Closing Day?

- Yes. Check-in and Check-out will be staggered. We will be using SignUpGenius.com and you will receive an email instructing you to sign up for your check-in and check-out times a few weeks before camp. Each visit is limited to 30 minutes and will have a maximum of 30 cars per slot.
- Parents will be directed to the Blacktop at Check-in for camper medical checks. Once all stations have been completed, campers may travel with 1 parent to their village. Even when masked, parents are not able to enter the cabin. Families will say their goodbyes and parents will be directed toward the exit.
- On Closing Day, you will show your ID to a staff member at the blacktop who will give you your campers Cabin Pack. You will then be directed to a location based on the village your camper(s) are in.

Will I get to meet my camper's counselors?

- Not in person, but we will continue to do our Parent Postcards the first few days of the session, and are working on creative ideas where you will learn a little bit about your camper's counselors. We are working on creating a 'Meet the Staff' page where you can learn more about all our counselors.

Who should not come to camp?

- Campers who have underlying health conditions and do not have support or approval from their own doctor or medical team should consider whether or not camp is appropriate for them this summer.
- Campers who are not able to quarantine properly for 10 days should consider whether or not camp is appropriate for them this summer.

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW CAMP WILL RUN?

What is the “camp bubble” and how will you execute this?

- For added safety, during Summer 2021 we will be working to keep camp a safe “bubble” to prevent COVID from ever entering camp. Guardians will drop off and pick up campers at Camper Care Field and will not exit their vehicles. We have designated a few vaccinated staff members to go into town for emergency situations.
- Summer Staff will be permitted to leave camp for outside time off only. To facilitate this, staff must sign a Time Off Honor Code and Code of Conduct prior to the summer. Non-residential staff will always be in masks, and when applicable, gloves, when interacting with campers or residential staff. Our housekeeping, maintenance, and office staff will make sure to perform their duties around camp when no camper or residential staff is present.

What will cabin life be like?

- The same as it always has been. Cabins will hold 8-10 campers and 2 counselors. Cohorts will be made up of multiple cabins for activities. More details can be found in the Action Plan.

What do you mean by “village cohorts?”

- Camps with successful 2020 programs operated by creating smaller “Pods” of campers - anywhere from 20 to 50 campers who stayed together and did not mix with other Pods. The intent is that by limiting campers to smaller groups, that virus would also be limited in its ability to spread to the rest of camp. Due to current Virginia COVID guidelines, we can only operate in cohorts of 25. We can determine how these cohorts are created and campers will do activities in their cohorts.

How will the camp bubble effect all-camp events?

- Campfires, Talent Shows, International Night, and other all-camp activities will still happen, just with added precaution. Depending on numbers, some activities might happen at different locations than normal.

What will meals look like?

- Meals will still happen at the Main or Explorer Dining Hall. We will be eating meals in split times with village and all will eat Family Style. More details can be found in the Action Plan.

Will you still do my camper’s laundry?

- Yes. For any camper staying more than one week, our laundry services will continue. Campers will put their laundry out on their assigned day and our staff will pick it up, wash it, and return it.
- One-week campers will not have their laundry done.
- Campers staying more than one session will have their laundry done over turnover.

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Will cleaning and sanitation look different?

- We will still have campers and staff shower each day, and will continue with our cabin cleaning process each morning after breakfast.
- We will institute an In N' Out Policy, which requires hand washing or sanitizing as you leave and enter a new area.
- Often used bathrooms will be cleaned multiple times a day by housekeeping staff.
- Cabin bathrooms will be cleaned by cabin staff in the morning, and then by housekeeping staff in the afternoon.
- Housekeeping staff will clean all around camp, cabins included, during turnover weekends in between sessions.
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned multiple times per day by housekeeping and activity staff.

Are staff required to wear masks during camp?

- All staff will be required to be in masks, unless they are lifeguarding or interacting with their cohort. This includes: counselors, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, Camper Care staff, and housekeeping staff.

Are campers required to wear masks during camp?

- Campers will be required to be in masks unless they are outside with social distancing, in their cabin, while eating, swimming, or while doing activities with their cohort.

Will social distancing be practiced?

- Yes, when they are not in cohorts.

Are you allowing guardians, visitors, or tours to come into camp?

- In short, no.
- Campers staying for multiple sessions will not be allowed to leave on turnover, nor will they be allowed to have visitors. We will allow these campers to have a phone call or FaceTime with their parent or guardian instead.
- We will not be offering on-site tours this summer.
- During Opening and Closing day, guardians will stay in their vehicle, this includes our regular restrooms. We are looking to rent a portable toilet that will stay at the Blacktop for Check-in for emergency use only.

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How can I be sure my camper will be safe this summer?

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What will happen if someone has a fever?

- If a high temperature is recorded during our daily checks, we will provide water and put them in a shady area, then scan again a few minutes later. If they still have a high temperature, we will take them to Camper Care and begin observation. More details can be found in the Action Plan.

What if someone is asymptomatic?

- If everyone follows our pre-camp 10-day quarantine, there should be minimal risk of a COVID-19 case arriving at camp. We will be conducting daily temperature checks to look for otherwise undetectable symptoms of the virus.

Who will take my camper to a testing center if testing is required?

- We will have Abbott Rapid Antigen Tests on site as well as trained staff to administer the test. Positive test results or continued compounding symptoms will require guardians to come pick up their camper.

Will I be notified if someone at camp tests positive for COVID?

- Yes. We will send an email to all families if there is a positive test.