

River Bend Nature Camp COVID-19 Procedures as of 1/5/2020*

Our nature camp is an outdoor program packed with fun, friends and discovery. This year's camp continues that tradition, but with modifications in place to keep the health and safety of our campers and everyone in the River Bend community as our top priority.

Additional summer camp guidelines and practices were developed under guidance from the CDC, as well as recommendations from the American Camping Association, and Racine County Health Department. Guidelines may change throughout the summer, and we will update you if changes occur.

Hygiene & Sanitation

Campers will wash their hands at appropriate times throughout the day, including upon arrival and before leaving, before and after eating, after using the restroom, and after some activities. Soap and water or hand sanitizer will be available.

Children will not wear masks when participating in outdoor recreation, but social distancing will be incorporated in activities to the extent it is possible. Campers are asked to bring a cloth face covering (mask, bandana, etc.) to wear when physical distancing is difficult. If severe weather should require campers to go indoors, campers will be required wear masks if the indoor activities warrant.

Some camp activities require the use of materials or equipment, such as nets, bows and arrows, paddles, flints, etc). Campers will be asked not to share these materials. Equipment will be sanitized or set aside for the recommended time between uses.

Social Distancing

- Each camp group will be limited in size to coincide with the current local guidelines
- Camp groups will remain consistent throughout the. Interaction between groups will be limited
- Lunch will be eaten outdoors unless severe weather requires shelter. Each group will have its own indoor space in that case.
- Campers will not be allowed to share food or beverages, sunscreen, or other gear.

Monitoring and Preparing

Parents are expected to assess the health of their child, including taking their temperature, on a daily basis before coming to camp. Please keep your child at home if your child:

- has a fever. Fever reducing medication may not be used when determining a child's health. Campers must be fever-free for 3 days before returning to camp, per the recommendations of the CDC.
- is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, including a fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat, sore muscles, loss of taste/smell/ or skin changes.
- has been exposed to someone who has had COVID-19 (by testing or medical diagnosis) within the past 14 days.
- is under a 14-day self-quarantine/self-monitoring guidance for any reason.
- if someone in their household is feeling sick or exhibiting symptoms.

River Bend Nature Center reserves the right to not admit children who, in our estimation, pose a communicable disease risk to others.

If a child is observed to have or develops symptoms of Covid19 while at camp

The child will be removed from their group and relocated to an area with a staff member until the parent arrives. If indoors, both will wear face masks, unless the camper is having difficulty breathing. Parent/guardian will be called to pick the camper up. We ask that arrangements for unexpected need for pick up are in place and that pick up will take place as soon as possible. Campers exposed to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 will be informed if possible and will be encouraged to seek appropriate health care. We will contact the Racine County Health Department and will follow the recommendations of the health department, which may necessitate that the camp be cancelled.

Camper Drop Off

- Parents may drop campers off between 7:45am - 8:00am
- Drop off will occur in the circle drive in front of the main buildings
- Parent(s) and any other passengers will remain in the vehicle during drop off and pick up
- Parent(s) are encouraged to wear masks as staff will need to be in close quarters during check-in
- Campers will sanitize hands and join their group

Camper Pick Up

- Campers will gather all gear, water bottle, lunch box, and any other necessary materials to be returned home and washed before the next day. We will not store camper belongings overnight
- Parents may pick campers up in same place between 1:00pm – 1:15pm
- Parent and any passengers will remain in the vehicle
- Camper will sanitize hands and join family

We are asking that parents do some additional things this year.

We will not be putting lunch bags together into our coolers, so if your child's lunch requires refrigeration, please use a chilled and insulated labeled lunch container.

Send a filled water bottle, clearly labeled, every day. Please wash the water bottle each evening. Water bottles will be refilled at camp when necessary with staff supervision.

Campers may be asked to bring their own supplies for some projects. If that is the case, parents will be notified of the details prior to that session

This situation is constantly evolving and we monitor updated guidance. If we receive guidance from the CDC, the local health department, or other camp-related officials that camp programming should be discontinued, we will offer you a pro-rated refund. We also understand that some camp families may decide at a later date not to participate. In this case, we will work with you individually.

Extended Day Camp

- Please notify us at upon initial registration if you plan to utilize extended camp time.

Still have questions? Contact us! Communication is welcome and important.

*procedures may be modified/updated at any time