



Summer 2021 COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Operational Plan Adventure Program Supplemental Policies & Procedures

The following plan is additional information, above and beyond the ***Camp Wesley Woods Summer 2021 COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Operational Plan***, designed for the operation of the 2021 summer camp Adventure Program; outlining the additional changes to policies & procedures in the Adventure Program, to operate as safely as possible & specifically for COVID mitigation. This document is **IN ADDITION TO** the overall mitigation plan, all facets of the base plan also apply to Adventure Programming. This information is constantly changing & evolving and our plan will reflect this reality by continually updating & modifying this plan as needed. This plan organizes best practices published in the most up-to-date versions of a *Field Guide for Opening Camps 2021* recommended by the American Camping Association in conjunction with other documents listed in the introduction of this document as well as consultation with camps that ran in 2020 with local health officials.

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Introduction / A Note to Families

How will Adventure Programs be different? The interesting “silver lining” of COVID is that many of the recommended mitigation practices were already an intrinsic part of our Adventure Programming. You will notice small changes: such as the elimination of using public toilets. Other changes will include: more programs moving to a 12 night format, possible COVID testing, alternate programming in the case of inadvisable public interactions.

How will camp be the same? Adventure Program already utilized the small group, or “squad” concept with self contained programming and staff that were cross-trained in Counseling and program delivery. Adventure programming, including eating & sleeping was already outside, we already practiced contactless check-in, limited public interactions, played in wilderness settings, traveled in our own vehicles, assigned gear to participants for the duration of their sessions and had cleaning & sanitation procedures in place that will not need to change.

We ask that all parents / guardians review this document with their campers prior to arrival at any ADVENTURE camp.

All ADVENTURE Staff members must review this document before and during Staff Training.

Defining Adventure Programming

For the sake of clarity, programs for Summer 2021 that will use this supplemental document are those programs that use CWW Outpost for lodging or those that leave CWW property for any length of time. Some of these programs leave for 1-3 hours total during a session; such as a trip to a private, off-site cave exploration. Other programs are off property for up to 11 days. Adventure procedures will be adhered to in all cases off site in the following programs:

- Basecamp Adventures
- Adventure Junior
- Adventure Senior
- Adventure Junior GLAMPING!
- Adventure Senior GLAMPING!
- The Great Northeast
- The Southern Expedition
- The North Woods Adventure
- Leader In Training Program
- Counselor in Training Program
- Service Team in Training Program

During Camp (camper & staff)

OUTSIDE - MASKED - DISTANCED -- 2 of 3 rule instituted --

This is the most important mitigation strategy we will be implementing. Staff and campers will be required to meet 2 out of these 3 strategies at all times while at camp during any cross-squad interactions. When off-camp, in any situation where the Adventure Squad could potentially come into close contact with anyone outside of their squad, all three guidelines will be met - Outside, Masked, Distanced. In situations of known public interactions, campers and staff may be required to wear face shields as well as masks.

Cabin based “squads” (aka cohorts)

Because of it's small size, the entire Adventure program will act as a single “squad”.

In Camp Testing

Daily temperature checks will be administered as campers arrive for each meal. In addition, during the 12 night, 13 day camp all campers and staff will be asked to submit to a COVID-19 test. This test will be administered on the most ideal day, most likely the 2-5th day of camp. This test will be administered in partnership with local health professionals and under the guidance of a doctor.

Overview of Cleaning, Handwashing, & Sanitation Procedures

We will follow the concept of, ***“sanitize in and sanitize out”***, for all applications around camp and while travelling off-site. All staff will be equipped with hand sanitizer and disinfectant / cleaning supplies to accomplish this task. Equipment will be sanitized before and after squad usage. Buildings and vehicles will be equipped with sanitizer and cleaning supplies and will follow the same procedures. This includes all programs and program equipment. For example: while camping off-site and staying in Yurts, masked counselors will sanitize the Yurts and wait for sanitizer to dry completely before campers are allowed to enter. We will sanitize out when leaving. Camp is looking into using UV-C lights as well to assist in this endeavor.

Meals (outdoors)

Adventure campers while off site will eat meals outside. Counselors will prepare meals for a single squad and may be masked during this time. Each camper will have their own mess kit, and they will be responsible for cleaning their kit and using the same plate, silverware, cup, and bowl the entire trip. When fast food meals out, we will order these meals online ahead of time and do contactless pick-up.

Water

Campers at Camp Wesley Woods have always been required to carry and utilize personal water bottles at camp. This summer is no exception. Campers and Staff will be required to and be responsible for their own water, including meals. Water will be filtered when necessary while off-site. Campers will not use public water fountains to retrieve their water. Counselors will remind campers to drink and fill bottles regularly.

Sleeping Considerations

While inside their own sleeping quarters, campers and staff do not need to wear face masks.

Campers will be required to sleep in opposite directions in all sleeping conditions. (head-to-toe and toe-to-head) Campers will be assigned to “tent groups”. This group of 2 to 3 campers will always share a tent, row in the van, Yurt, treehouse, etc. These campers will be assigned a tent and will utilize the same tent for the duration of the trip. As in a typical summer, campers and staff members who live in other cabins are not allowed to go into a cabin, tent, or sleeping facility that is not their own.

Showertime / Bath House Usage

Showers and bath houses that are used during an off-site excursion will be sanitized in and sanitized out.

Health Considerations

Once a session begins, should a camper or staff member exhibit suspected COVID-19 Symptoms or receive a positive COVID-19 test result the following procedures will be instituted:

- While off-site we will be closely monitoring campers and staff for symptoms of Covid-19. If any such symptoms arise, we may issue a Covid-19 rapid test or take the camper/staff to the nearest Hospital or testing site. COVID-19 Rapid Tests will be on hand on all trips.
- The entire squad, including staff, will be quarantined.

- Parents / guardians will be contacted immediately and the Adventure staff will administer a COVID-19 rapid test.
- If the test is positive, the following steps will be taken: parents / guardian will be notified. Parents / guardians of the affected persons squad will be notified, but the name of the camper / staff in question will not be mentioned.
- Contact tracing will begin immediately
- Our refund policy does not allow for a refund in the case of an illness after camp has begun.

Should in-person care be required, Blount County Hospital is a 19 minute drive from camp. There are also testing centers and Urgent Care centers within a 25 minute drive from camp. A list of local hospitals along the route during our trips off-site will be kept in the vehicle as well as dropped GPS pins. Should the need arise to stop, we will proceed to the closest hospital or testing facility.

Program Considerations

Public Interactions

We will be limiting interactions with the public as much as possible. The only exception would be tour guides who we will ask to wear face masks or face shields when we are unable to socially distance. Campers and counselors may also be required to wear face masks or shields during these times.

Adventure Program and Tripping Programs

Adventure programming will require little to no changes to meet the COVID-19 recommendations. The program is already 100% outdoors, has numbers limited to a single squad, uses their own designated equipment, and the program takes place in areas outside the main camp areas. When traveling, they will use a designated van and practice “sanitize-in, sanitize out”. At the Adventure Outpost on camp, and while up on the mountain at camp, campers and staff are required to use cat holes. This is our normal procedure.

Restrooms while in Public / Off-Site

New for 2021, public restrooms will be avoided and we will travel with our own pop-up bathrooms while off camp property or use the facili-trees. We will take two pop up shelters and two portable toilets when traveling off-site for an extended period of time. These toilets will be sanitized before and after each use. They will have a removable bag that can be changed out between each use. This will be disposed of before moving to the next location. This can be set up for a pit stop, at campsites, and as an alternative to public restrooms (ex. Gas station). These pods could also be converted into a portable shower. If using public showers (ex. campsite) we will follow “sanitize in and sanitize out”.

Van Rides

While traveling off-site in the van, campers and staff may be required to wear masks while in the van. They will travel with only their squad, and no one from another squad will travel in the van with the adventure group. When possible, windows will be opened to increase air flow and bring fresh air into the van. Vans may be sanitized between each use. Campers may be asked to sit in the same seat for the duration of the 13 day trip as to limit contact with the other campers.

Program Gear Sanitation Plan

Program Gear will be sanitized before and after each squad's usage. This is the “sanitize-in, sanitize-out” policy. The exact procedures for this cleaning and sanitizing are outlined in each area specifically. Staff will be trained in these procedures during staff training. For example, the Association for Challenge Course

Technology has identified cleaners that are recommended best for usage on climbing harnesses and ropes. The adventure program staff will be trained on these practices. Many of these areas are outlined in the Field Guide for Opening and we will follow the most up-to-date information available on cleaning and sanitizing. Each staff member will carry cleaning and sanitizing supplies in their backpacks. Each program area will have the appropriate cleaning and sanitizing supplies. Each cabin and building on camp will have cleaning and sanitizing supplies.

Waterfront

Campers and Staff at Camp Wesley Woods will be enjoying the lake, ocean, and river for waterfront fun this summer. This will continue with COVID-19 modifications. Campers and staff will follow social distancing and proper hygiene practices prior to and following using any canoe / kayaks. All shared equipment will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each usage. If in a two person craft, campers will be sharing with their tent buddies when possible.

Alternate Plans

The schedules for all Adventure programming is subject to change depending on Covid-19 considerations during the summer. This may include but is not limited to alternatives to the city tours on each 13 day trip. A “squad only” alternative is outlined in the Parent Guides.

A Note from the Director:

Photos on our website were taken during Summer 2019 or earlier and may not reflect the adapted policies and practices listed above.

We believe that the combination of all these stated mitigation efforts, plus others we'll implement behind the scenes, combined with continued increasing societal awareness and responsibility will allow us to operate camp this summer.

If you have questions, or would like to chat with someone about camp, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Thank you for being a part of the Camp Wesley Woods Family, especially during this challenging time. We are looking forward to your child's return to camp!

Rooted in His Unfailing Love,
Tony Lea, Camp Director