

Camp Wesley Woods

Bed Bug Policy and Procedures

Baggage Check

- To reduce the spread of Bed Bugs in our facilities, we require all baggage, pillows, backpack and bedding to be checked by our detection dogs.
- You may not move anything into the facilities until this check.
- When you arrive, all baggage will be placed on the porches of your facility. A pre-arranged time will set with your group to have the bags checked.
- Cww will need at least one adult from your group to be present during the check.
- If bugs are detected we ask that your adults help with and be present as bags are moved to the heating chamber.
- For group member arriving after the check, all of their bags will need to go into the heating unit for a minimum of two hours.
- Treatment for bugs is explained below.

Camp Wesley woods maintained a 0% infestation rate on all buildings on the property in 2017. We searched 6,000 guests in 2017. We had 105 positive hits, 62 of which were in Nickel Lodge. That allowed us to treat the bags so the guests could continue to enjoy their stay. This not only saves the camp money but also a reputation for protecting our guest from acquiring pest from our camp. This document will explain the procedures of dog inspection and positive hit procedures.

HOW THE DOGS WORK

Detection dogs work off scent of specific item they are trying to find. They will start by finding the scent cone then narrowing down to the specific bag or container. Then the dog will exhibit a reaction to alert the handler. The dog is rewarded and then the search continues.

SET UP FOR SEARCH

A staff member will direct the guests in placement of the luggage and all bedding material. The staff member also needs to inquire about the location of any medication in the bags of guest. The belongings must remain outside of the buildings until inspected by a dog and given the all clear by the handler. The staff member on site will direct the guest to place belongings on the porch or outside of building in an organized manner. The dog must have room to move between the bags and search each item individually. Stacking or piling up items can result in false search outcomes and cross contamination if there is a positive item. All of the guest items need to remain together in the event of a positive search all the items of that guest will need to be treated.

DURING THE SEARCH

All guests under 18 must remain indoors or at another location (I.E. council house). This is for the safety of our guest and the stigma other kids may put on a positive detection of baggage. Adults may observe the search from a safe distance determined by the handler. At no time during the search does any other staff need to interact with the dog or handler unless directed to by the handler. The other staff members present need to help the handler maintain a safe inspection site (I.E. keeping kids away from area and watching doors). Once the search is complete the handler will inform the staff member of the results. All clear can then result in items being taken inside of the buildings.

POSITIVE DETECTION NOTIFICATION

In the event of a positive detection the handler will identify the items to a staff member. The staff member will then inform the chaperones and the treatment process will begin. During summer camp in which we are the chaperones the staff member in charge of that building will be informed of the outcome and a staff member will transport the items to Sunset Lodge for treatment. In all instances the younger campers will not be informed of the outcome. This will prevent any stigma and teasing to occur towards our younger guest. Older kids (teenagers) can be told with two staff members present about the outcome. This will aid in the treatment process and allow them to remove anything from their belongings that cannot go into the heater. With rental/school groups the chaperones will be responsible (with a staff member) for loading the bags into the heater. This is to prevent any possible loss of items.

TREATMENT

All items brought into camp will be searched by dogs or be put through the heater for treatment. All items that have a positive detection will also be put through the heater. If anyone refuses treatment they will not be able to stay in any of the camp buildings and will have to leave camp. Especially with younger kids we need to not inform them or other kids to ensure their privacy. Informing parents or chaperones is acceptable in these situations. Even between staff this needs to be very discreet. The treatment heater is located in sunset lodge. The unit needs to be plugged in and brought up to temperature for 15 minutes. At that time the items can be loaded and left for 2 hours. If loaded at time of turning on the unit adds 15 minutes to time. Bags must be opened and tightly packed items need to be removed and placed on shelves to ensure all items reach the proper temperature. Any items under pressure or that might melt need to be removed. Along with all electronics. At the end of the treatment time chaperones will return with staff to retrieve the items. Summer camp staff will return the items to the bunk of the guests.

OTHER REASONS FOR POSITIVE DETECTION

The dogs that are used will detect different odors, Narcotics and alike. Detections of this type will be dealt with on a case by case basis per camp policies.