

# Updated COVID-19 Parent Information for Farm Camp

## **REGISTRATION PAYMENT:**

All camp balances will be due at the end of the summer. This will give us a better understanding of total charges once days of camp have taken place. If camp balances are not paid in full by September 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee of \$25 per month will be assessed to your membership account.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

You may cancel a week of camp at any time up to two weeks out from your week in question. No cancellation fees will be assessed this before this time. Any camp fees paid for a cancelled week of camp (due to Farm closure or inclement weather) will be credited to your Farm account. Switching weeks will not be available this summer. Camp will be prorated daily based on the number of days camper attends camp. Excused absences from camp payment must be illness related or cancelled by The Farm. Last minute vacation plans do not excuse missed camp days.

## **FOOD IN CAMP:**

We will not provide snacks or water at camp. Water coolers will not be available in shelters. Please provide all food for snacks and lunch and provide a water bottle for your child. Children will be allowed to refill water bottles at The Farm as needed. Please do not pack any food items with peanuts.

## **T-SHIRTS:**

T-shirts will be distributed on the first day of every week to new campers. Extra camp shirts are available for purchase in the main office for \$10.

## **TECHNOLOGY:**

No cell phones, smart watches, game consoles or music devices allowed during camp hours. If your child brings devices to be used after camp or in case of emergencies, we ask that they stay in back packs until camp is over. Campers seen using devices will be asked to hand them over to the director until the end of the day.

## **ILLNESS DURING CAMP:**

Children with the following symptoms cannot attend camp:

Elevated temperature (100 degrees or above), diarrhea or vomiting, undiagnosed rash, sore or discharging eyes or ears or profuse nasal discharge, diagnosed contagious disease such as chicken pox, strep or sore throat or whooping cough. Children who become ill during camp will be provided with a comfortable place to rest until parents arrive. Parents will need to pick up ill children within one hour.

Campers who exhibited COVID-like symptoms may return to camp once they are symptom free with no treatment after 2 days. Campers who have tested positive for COVID-19 may return to camp once they are symptom free with no treatment after 7 days and have been cleared by their physician.

Emergency services will be obtained through 911 for any instance that requires more than American Red Cross Standard First Aid training. Attempts to reach a parent or other designated guardian will be continued until someone is reached. Parents should be sure to let those around them know where they are during the day in case you are away so that coworkers or family can find you in case of an emergency.

## **WEATHER AND EMERGENCIES:**

During severe inclement weather, camp will be closed. Parents will be notified through an email listserv about all closures as soon as possible. In the event of fire, tornadoes, hail, hurricane or police emergencies, campers will be kept in an appropriate and safe location and camp staff will notify parents as soon as possible. During emergency situations, parents may call the main office (919)962-3276 to inquire about their children or permitted to retrieve their child from camp. During excessively hot weather, typically 95 degrees or hotter, camp schedules will be altered to provide increased swimming time.

**DISCIPLINE:**

We will use our best judgment to determine if a child needs to be removed from camp. If a child is removed from camp more than twice, we will kindly ask that your child be removed from the camp roster for any following week. It will be up to the manager and camp director as to whether or not the child will be allowed back in camp.

**WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:**

All items brought to camp should be in a back pack. Please provide the following: mask, bathing suits and towels, tennis racquet, sunscreen (staff will not put sunscreen on your child this summer), lunch and water bottle, snack, and a camp craft kit. Craft kits may include scissors, glue, tape, markers, crayons, and paint brushes.

**DROP-OFF, PICK-UP and MISC.****All Camps:**

Drop-off and pick-up will take place on the right, behind the shelters in the gravel parking lot. Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles and wait for a staff member to check in your child. Children will have a temperature check before leaving the car. Pick-up will take place between 3:00-3:30 at the same location.

If you plan to have a babysitter/friend or other guardian pick-up your child, please let the camp director know of the change. Please be on time for pick-up. A late pick-up constitutes picking up 10 minutes or later past scheduled pick-up time (3:40 or later). We allow one grace period for late pick-ups after which a \$15 late fee will be assessed for each occurrence.

**IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICIES IN PLACE FOR CAMP:****Camp Policies, Processes, & Procedures**

- Camp hours: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
- Drop Off & Pick Up Process – In car ONLY
  - A Farm staff member will meet you at your car. A temperature check will be administered by Farm staff to confirm temperature is under 100
  - Children will then be walked from car to the shelter by a staff member
  - For families with children who struggle with this drop off process, one parent will be permitted to walk the child to their camp shelter (face mask required)
- Parents are asked to wear face mask in the car at pick up & drop off
- Please be sure to pick up from the same place you dropped off in the morning - Do not remove children from The Farm grounds without signing out with a Farm staff member
- All Farm staff members & children are required to be screened upon entry and will have their temperature checked
- Children presenting a fever are now asked to remain at home until they are fever free (without the aid of fever reducing medication) or cleared by a pediatrician for at least 48 hours
- Do not bring your child to camp if he/she has respiratory symptoms, particularly fever, or if a member of your household is presenting any of these symptoms
- If diagnosed with COVID-19, notify the camp immediately, and keep children at home until cleared by a doctor to return to camp
- All Farm staff members and campers are required to wear face masks when socially distant safety measures cannot be met (masks will be required for staff indoors, during shelter time, in the pool house and when providing first aid or medical attention)
- Staff have been directed to maintain social distancing as much as possible while in the buildings and outside
- Staff & Children are NOT to report to camp if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms & report any potential symptoms ASAP
  - Symptoms include: Headache, Fever, Loss of Sense of Smell/Taste, Cough, Difficulty Breathing, etc.

**Cleaning & Sanitation**

- All camp facilities are disinfected daily with a solution adhering to state guidelines for disinfection so that it kills germs
- Daily cleaning with a heightened focus on sanitation of hard surfaces in clubhouse and shelters as well as restrooms using CDC approved sanitation solutions
- Counselors monitor children who appear ill or lethargic or who do not eat normally and report the information to management immediately. If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or above you are notified and asked to pick your child up as soon as possible. During this outbreak we will increase our sensitivity to these safety precautions to protect children in our care as well as staff.
- Handwashing is routine and will be required before snacks and lunch

**What happens if/when a positive case is reported within the camp (Child/Farm Staff):**

- In the event that we receive word that a child or staff member who was in our camp, is diagnosed as COVID-19 positive, we will immediately notify all families
- Anyone who came into direct contact with the infected child/staff member will be notified personally by a leadership team member ASAP. Those persons should contact their physicians to be tested and self-isolate for a period of time (based on CDC recommendation)
- We will notify and work directly with NCDHHS and based on their guidelines we will close our camp for at least 24 hours