

Opening Summer Camp Safely 2021



Objective

To create a safe and healthy environment and a positive camp experience for as many campers as possible this summer so that they may encounter God and be renewed to live a life of love.

Stipulations

- Pathways will be in compliance with guidelines from federal, state and local health departments.
- Pathways will maintain stringent cleaning protocols for all camp housing, equipment, and common spaces.
- Pathways will continually monitor the health of all staff and campers throughout the camp programs with temperature and symptom checks at the beginning of each camp session and throughout their time on-site.
- Pathways will continually monitor the situation, and if it changes, we will change our summer plans.

Key Protocols

- Pathways is following the suggested guidelines from the American Camp Association as well as national, state, and local health agencies.
- Campers will stay in cabin groups of 8-10 and all efforts will be made to limit contact between cabin groups.
- Every attempt will be made to keep campers from certain geographic regions in the same cabin groups where applicable.

Check-In

- In an effort to reduce the number of people on-site and the exposure for our staff and campers, at Check-In we are doing a drive-up check-in process.
- In order to have drive-up check-in be successful, it is imperative to have all forms and payments turned in ahead of time. The only thing campers will turn in on check-in day is the pre-camp health screening form and prescription medications.
- Pathways is asking families to limit to one parent per camper during check-in.
- Pathways is asking campers to screen for symptoms including a temperature of 100.4 ° or higher for two weeks prior to their camp session.
- Campers will have their temperature taken as part of the on-site health screening at check-in.
- In the interest of honoring camper buddies, camper's cabins and beds will be assigned and details will be issued at the time of arrival (as per normal).
- Prescription medications should be readily available to give to the Camp Emmaus Health Care Coordinator, preferably in a zip lock bag. We have over-the-counter medications on hand.
- To maintain a clean and sanitized cabin, we will not be allowing parents or guardians to take campers to their cabins. Families who wish to visit cabins may set up a time with the Pathways main office to tour Camp Emmaus facilities and cabins.
- Pathways staff will be wearing masks during check-in to limit exposure. We ask that campers and parent wear a mask upon arrival.

- Each camper will be required bring at least 2-3 cloth masks/face coverings for use as directed by activity guidelines. Additional masks will be provided if masks get dirty or lost throughout the week.
- Masks are not to be worn when participating in physical or strenuous activities, such as the challenge course or swimming, or while sleeping as they may restrict breathing.

Health Care

- Daily temperature checks will be conducted throughout each session.
- If campers develop symptoms consistent with Covid (fever, dry cough, trouble breathing), they will be immediately quarantined and you will be notified to have them picked up as soon as possible. If necessary, the camper may be taken to Park Rapids for testing and quarantined with careful monitoring until test results are received. If camper tests positive, the camper will be sent home immediately for quarantine or further treatment. In the event that a camper or staff is found to be symptomatic, including a fever of 100.4° or higher, they will be quarantined on-site and evaluated for further sickness. The person's temperature will be retaken after 30 minutes. If a fever is still present, the campers' parents/guardians will be called and pick-up arrangements will be made as soon as possible.
- Quarantine and Isolation rooms will be available and be separated from the Health Care Office.
- If a camper or staff in your camper's cabin is suspected to have COVID-19 symptoms and is sent home, parents and guardians will be notified. The remaining campers will move to a different cabin that has been cleaned and disinfected.

Cabin Life

- Cabins will be treated like households and campers will be able to mingle within their cabin group, but will continue to physical distance from other cabin groups.
- Campers will be spread out in the cabins as much as possible, and direction will be given for physically distance sleeping arrangements, as guided by the American Camp Association.
- Pathways will allow for adequate time to clean and disinfect cabins between groups, and allow for adequate time for cabins to sit and self-disinfect before the cleaning crew goes in to disinfect it.
- Daily cleaning will include disinfecting beds, doorknobs, light switches, and any other commonly touched areas supervised by staff.

Activity Areas

- All cabin groups will sanitize hands before arriving at each activity area. In the event that another group is still using the activity area, groups will wait to an appropriate distance.
- Equipment will be sanitized by staff between each group. When possible, program equipment will be sanitized between each use.
- Staff will be given an individual bin of program supplies for their cabin group only.
- Supplies should be sanitized after each session of campers.

Canteen & Camp Store

- Pathways leadership staff will be charged with stocking, maintaining and running these spaces.
- Pathways leadership will wear masks when in the canteen and camp store and will sanitize their hands before and after manning these spaces.

- Windows will be open in the Canteen and Camp store to allow for increased ventilation.

Check-Out

- There will not be a Closing Worship for families this summer.
- Camper's luggage will be disinfected and brought to a central location.
- Families will check out while staying in their car, sign out their campers and then will have campers brought to the vehicle.
- This summer, we are restricting visitors to the site during camp sessions and will not be able to accommodate campers being picked up in the middle of a session and dropped back off at camp again.
- Families are encouraged to self-distance after leaving camp especially from friends and family that are at a higher risk of COVID-19.
- Please contact camp if your camper(s) is/are symptomatic after leaving camp.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Communal Spaces – Cleaning and disinfecting communal spaces at least daily, and when possible cleaning and disinfecting of communal spaces between groups.
- Frequently Touched Surfaces – Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and common spaces at least daily, and when possible cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and common spaces multiple times daily.
- Toilets, Showers, and Restrooms – As with other frequently touched surfaces, toilets, showers, and restrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily, and when possible more than once per day.
- Counselors will carry disinfectant with them to be used before and after their cabin uses a camp area or equipment. Example: disinfecting a picnic table before sitting for arts and crafts, disinfecting equipment before starting a game.