

Little Eden Camp

Youth Camp Covid-19 Plan

We are excited to be able to have Youth Camps this summer at Little Eden Camp after having to cancel them in 2020. We have made changes to our regular Youth Camp program due to continued Covid-19 restrictions and MDHHS guidelines. We hope this information will give you a better understanding of what your child's week at camp will look like.

May 1st Registration Deadline

In order to better prepare for camp and all the changes needed for camp due to Covid-19, we will have a May 1st deadline for registering your child for camp in 2021. We need to know how many campers we will have, so the sooner you can register the better. There will not be a penalty if you cancel due to Covid-19 prior to camp starting. Please note: We have campers from various geographic regions. Please take this into consideration when deciding if your child should go to camp.

Two weeks before camp

We ask that you monitor your child's temperature and health for the two weeks prior to coming to camp. If your child in the two weeks prior to the start of camp has any of the COVID-19 symptoms, is exposed to Covid-19 or has a positive Covid-19 test, you agree that you will call Keri Nofziger, youth camp coordinator at 567-454-0875, to cancel your child's reservation.

Busing to Camp

You may bring your child to camp or we offer free bus transportation. If your child will be riding the bus (from Archbold OH, Middlebury IN, or Byron Center MI) we will be pre-screening him/her before he/she will be able to board the bus. Pre-screening will be a temperature check and asking the following questions upon arrival:

- Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the last two weeks?
 - Fever?
 - Cough?
 - Sore throat?
 - Shortness of Breath?
 - Vomiting/Diarrhea?
 - New loss of smell or taste?
- Have you been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 in the past two weeks?
- Have you tested positive for Covid-19 in the past two weeks?
- Have you been directed or told by the local health department or healthcare provider to self-isolate or self-quarantine?

Any child who does not pass the pre-screening will not be allowed to get on the bus. For those campers arriving to camp directly, pre-screening will happen when they enter camp at registration.

During the bus ride, campers will be split into their cabin cohort groups and will sit apart from other cohorts on the bus with an empty row in between. Campers will be required to wear masks on the bus.

Cabin Cohorts

Cabin cohorts will be a group of 10 or less campers plus staff. Each camper will be assigned to a cohort and will eat together, have activities together and be either in the same cabin or split between two cabins. The cabin cohorts will social distance from all other cohorts throughout the week.

When in the cabin, cohorts will be encouraged to social distance when possible and will not have to wear a mask within their cohort unless state regulations change. For sleeping, beds will be aligned so that campers and staff will sleep head-to-toe at least 6 feet apart. In some cabins, physical barriers may be put up when 6 feet of clearance is not possible.

Social Distancing

We will be requiring everyone to practice social distancing while at Little Eden. Each camper and staff will be a part of a cabin cohort that they will be able to be in closer contact with during the week. Each cohort must keep 6 feet of distance between them and other cohorts. Our directors are coming up with creative ways for the campers to interact with each other while still maintaining 6 feet of distance and will prioritize being outdoors when possible.

Masks

Masks will be required for all campers and staff while indoor in common areas. They would also be required outdoors when social distancing is not possible. At meals, campers may take off masks once they are seated at their table while eating with their cabin cohort. Once they are finished eating, they will need to put them back on when leaving the table.

Hand Washing

Hand washing is one of the most important things we can do to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. We will encourage each camper to wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds while at camp. We will also encourage campers to avoid touching their face with unwashed hands and remind them to be mindful to cover their mouths and noses when coughing and sneezing.

Increased Cleaning and Sanitizing

Staff will be regularly cleaning and sanitizing high touch points in the lodge and bathhouse. The bathhouse will be closed for cleaning early in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Sanitizing stations in waterfront shed and on the back porch of lodge will be available. Our staff will sanitize items used by their cabin cohorts. The directors are working on ways to reduce shared use of equipment which is harder to clean.

Sick Camper or Staff

If a camper or staff becomes sick during the week of camp they will be taken to the camp nurse to separate them from other campers. We will have an isolation room available for anyone who exhibits Covid-19 like symptoms. If a camper has a fever or is showing signs of Covid-19, we will call and require the parents to pick up the camper and take them home. We will ask that if your camper has any symptoms of Covid-19 or is diagnosed with Covid-19 in the two weeks after camp that you call the office at 231-889-4294 and speak with Wayne or KJ.

Changes

State restrictions and guidelines for Covid-19 have changed often over the last year. If anything happens which will affect your camper's week at camp, we will contact you by email. Please ensure we have your most current email address.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our plan for camp this year. Please feel free to call Little Eden at 231-889-4294 if you have any questions or concerns.