



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dear YMCA of the Pines Families,

Family Camp for 2020 is officially... ON! However, as you may have expected, it will look a little different.

Dates & Check-In

To allow our property to be thoroughly cleaned and prepared for Family Camp Weekend following the end of our summer camp program, Family Camp Weekend will check-in Saturday September 5 rather than the typical Friday evening. Check-in will be from 9 – 11:30 AM Saturday, and Saturday lunch will be the first meal offered. Family Camp Weekend will close with a waterfront picnic on Monday September 7 at 3 PM, although families must vacate housing units by 12 noon on Monday September 7.

Families will be required to check-in outside of the Ockanickon Dining Hall and submit to a brief health screening upon arrival. During the health screening, a staff member will conduct a temperature check of all participants, and ask health questions related to out-of-state travel, exposure to folks with COVID-19, and whether anyone in the household is displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19. After the initial screening, participants will be screened daily at breakfast on Sunday and Monday as well. Further, participants shall self-monitor for the duration of the weekend and report any symptoms and/or fever, and vacate the property immediately should symptoms develop.

Accommodations

In an effort to maintain social distancing guidelines, we will only be using half of our cabins on the Ockanickon side of camp. Only one family may be assigned per cabin rental. Three cabins in each village will be used, and families will be assigned a specific bathroom/shower house that will be used by a limited number of families.

Lodges will be restricted to single-family group usage: LODGE ACCOMODATIONS ARE FULL

Meals

Much like we are doing with summer camp, meals will be served family style outdoors at and around the Ockanickon Dining Hall. Families staying in a lodge will eat on the front/side porches of the Dining Hall, and families staying in cabins will eat at picnic tables setup around the bowl area in shade spots. Tables will be sanitized between meals consistent with our summer camp cleaning and operating procedures.

Saturday lunch, dinner, and evening s'mores will be provided. On Sunday, we will serve breakfast, lunch, dinner, and evening sundaes. On Monday, we will serve breakfast and a Labor Day barbeque picnic for lunch.

Program

A number of self-guided programs will be offered to allow families to access our beautiful property while having the opportunity to bond and spend some quality time together. Families will have access to our hiking trails, disc golf course 'Ocky Acres', fishing, outdoor basketball courts, field sports, and gaga pits. Note, due to stringent cleaning requirements, families should bring their own athletic and/or fishing gear for self-guided activities (basketball, football, soccer ball, baseball equipment, fishing poles, etc...). YMCA of the Pines will provide equipment for all activities our staff are leading.

Further, we will operate select programming daily with families being given the opportunity to schedule times to participate in offerings such as archery, hatchet throwing, arts and crafts, the climbing wall, the swamp challenge, the giant swing, and more! Finally, we will offer open boating several times during the weekend, and open swimming in the afternoons as well.

Note, the YMCA-run program activities other than the "open" periods must be scheduled in advance, and are limited to a single family group at a time to allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing of program materials and seating areas between groups.

COVID Talk & Financial Policies

As we have communicated with our summer camp families, we cannot stop COVID-19 from coming to YMCA of the Pines. Rather, we can merely implement protocols in an effort to mitigate against the spread of the virus if a carrier does come to YMCA of the Pines with it.

With that said, during these uncertain times in which things change frequently, you may register with confidence knowing that YMCA of the Pines will grant a full refund in the event you have to cancel your registration due to a confirmed or possible COVID-19 exposure, or if you or anyone in your family is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, coughing, shortness of breath, body aches, chills, sore throat, etc...).

Should I Wear a Mask for Family Camp Weekend?

Regarding masks, please note that participants **will be required to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.** Please bring a fitted mask (not a bandana) for each person in your family. All activities will be conducted outside such that social distancing will be possible for much of the weekend. However, when groups are interacting around the dining hall at mealtimes, during check-in, or passing by one-another on a nature hike, masks shall be donned for the safety of all participants and staff.

Registration

Registration is open at www.ycamp.org (click 'Register' on the top right, and then select the "Year Round Camp and Family Programs" for Family Camp Weekend). Due to the limited capacity, registrations will be accept on a first-come, first-served basis. Further, due to limited cabin availability, cabin requests will be difficult to accommodate, but we will try our best.