

Camp Kingfisher COVID-19 Policies and Frequently Asked Questions

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Camp Kingfisher at the Chattahoochee Nature Center is taking the COVID-19 pandemic seriously. The health and safety of our campers and staff is our utmost concern. Camp Kingfisher is equally committed to providing a space for our campers to grow, learn and have an amazing camp experience throughout this pandemic. We are currently following the guidelines and best practices put out by the State of Georgia, Bright From the Start, and the American Camp Association to help us keep everyone in our camp community as healthy as possible. Below are a list of frequently asked questions. We will be updating this document as we continue to learn more about COVID-19 and as the guidance from officials change. If you have a question that is not answered here please don't hesitate to contact us at Camp@chattnaturecenter.org

- **What guidelines does Camp Kingfisher follow?** Camp Kingfisher follows the COVID-19 guidelines put forth by The Center for Disease Control, The American Camp Association, and the state of Georgia.
- **What kind of PPE (personal protective equipment) do you require?** Campers are required to wear masks at all times while indoors. Camp Kingfisher will no longer require campers or staff to wear masks while outdoors and will be encouraged to socially distance. In situations present where campers and/or staff may be in sustained close contact with one another, masks will be worn. If you prefer that your camper wear a mask outdoors, please let us know and we will honor your preference, so long as temperatures are below 85 degrees. All campers will be encouraged to remove their masks when temperatures are over 85 degrees to reduce the chance of heat-related illnesses.

We ask that your camper(s) bring 2 of their own mask, and a Tupperware to hold them. We will provide extras for lost, dirty, or forgotten masks. Staff are required to wear gloves when helping campers open food items.

- **Do the campers socially distance?** Campers will be encouraged to keep an arm's length or more between themselves and others at all times. In the event that being socially distanced is not possible all involved parties will be required to wear their mask.
- **How big are the groups?** Camper groups vary in size. The range in size from 10-20 campers and 2-3 counselors.
- **How often do you sanitize?** Counselors have hand sanitizer on them at all times and are required to have campers use it, or wash their hands, multiple times a day. Supplies used within groups, such as: group toys, craft supplies etc. are sanitized at the end of each day. Any shared equipment (parachute, archery supplies, gaga ball etc.) are sanitized after every use. Bathrooms are sanitized at least twice a day.
- **How do you screen for COVID-19?** Per state guidelines, during check in every morning, each camper will have their temperature taken by a staff member. Temperatures must be below 100.4 degrees in order to attend camp that day. Campers' parents/guardians are asked a series of COVID screening questions before their camper(s) can exit their vehicle.

- **Are parents allowed to walk their campers to their groups?** No. Due to state guidelines, parents are required to stay in their vehicle. A Camp Kingfisher staff member will walk campers to their groups each morning. At the end of the day, a staff member will also walk campers out to their vehicles.
- **What happens if my camper, or another camper gets sick?** Campers that display COVID-19 symptoms will be separated from their group until a parent/guardian can pick them up. Campers must be fever free, without the assistance of medication, for 72 hours -OR- provide a negative COVID test result before they can return to camp.
- **What happens if you have a confirmed case in camp?** If we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in camp, we will close camp for a deep cleaning. All camp families will be notified as soon as possible of any confirmed cases. Families will also be notified whether their child came in direct or indirect contact with the confirmed case. Due to HIPPA regulations, we are not authorized to give out any personal information about a confirmed case.
- **Are your staff vaccinated for COVID-19?** We are encouraging all members of the Camp K community to be vaccinated as soon as they are eligible. However it is not a stipulation of employment or attendance.
- **My camper requires the help of an aide, are they allowed to attend with my camper?** Unfortunately, under current guidelines, no. We have to restrict the number of campers and adults in one area. We also cannot accommodate adults who have not had a background check, or a negative COVID test.
- **Will there be aftercare?** Unfortunately, aftercare is not currently offered as to allow staff to have time to thoroughly clean camp facilities at the end of each day, and to maintain required social distancing between groups.