

St. John's UCC Camp 2021 Safety Guidelines

It is a new camping year at St. John's UCC Camp. We have missed our campers and all the fun and activities we have enjoyed in the past years. Now it is time to focus on a new camping season. This year we can finally get out of the house and into the outdoors to enjoy the blessings of nature that God has provided. These guidelines are subject to change based on guidance from the CDC and PA Department of Health.

Registration: The registration form is posted on our SJUCC website (www.sjucc1811.org/camp.) Information about Camp, what to bring, etc. is on the website. There is a waiver to be signed as your campers are being dropped off for Camp. Upon arrival, campers will have their temperature taken as well as every day at camp. Parents must alert us of any possible exposure to the COVID virus.

Campers and staff will not be required to wear masks while engaged in outdoor activities together or while eating. (Currently, Meyers Bus Company requires masks while on the bus.) We will be very alert to social distancing, hand washing, and appropriate cleaning of common areas during camp.

Sanitizing: Attention will be focused on the cleanliness and sanitizing of the bathrooms and cabins. As always, campers will be expected to clean up cabins after breakfast. That will make it easier to disinfect the cabins. Cabins also should be straightened up after returning from the Gap.

Our Camp will have available multiple hand sanitizing stations located in high usage areas and should be used often by campers and staff. Items used by campers such as craft materials and play equipment will be sanitized after each use.

Counselors: Our counselors will have their Safe Church clearances and will have gone through pre-camp training regarding safety and program activities as well as safety for those overnight campers. Counselors will be required to stay at Camp the duration of the overnight camps. Two counselors will be with each cabin of overnight campers.

Volunteers coming to Camp for God Talks and/or Life Learning times will be expected to maintain a 3-6 feet distance from others.

Campers: Day Campers will have their temperatures checked before boarding the bus. Camp Noah campers will bring their own prepared bagged lunch. Lunches will be eaten in the outdoor pavilion.

Overnight campers will eat breakfast in the dining hall with 3-6 feet distancing, lunch in the pavilion, and dinner will be served inside with distancing or outside depending on weather conditions. Temperatures will be taken daily before breakfast and before bed for overnight campers. Beds for overnight campers will be spaced 3-6 feet apart in a head to foot arrangement.

All campers will not use cell phones or electronic devices during their camp stay. (Leave them at home. There is no cell service available at Camp anyway.) One phone line at Camp is available for EMERGENCIES ONLY. That number is: 717-369-4431.

Our emphasis for our campers is to have fun and connect with nature and appreciate what God has provided for us. We also want to be safe for all.

Food Preparation: Those involved in food preparation will not be required to wear a mask. They will not interact with campers during food preparation. Campers must stay out of the kitchen at ALL times and not near the food preparation areas. The dishwasher water temperature will safely sanitize dishes and utensils. Gloves will be worn for the handling of dishes for storage. Other disinfectant and sanitizing procedures will be in effect when working with food or food preparation.

Inclement Weather: In the event of storms and lightning, campers will be provided shelter in cabins, dining hall, pavilion or bus. Campfires may be moved the dining hall for an inside campfire with 3-6 feet distancing by the campers and counselors.