

What to Expect

Camp Mohawk 2021

Zoom Call FAQ

Before Camp

What do I need to do before my daughter attends camp?

There are few things you will need to do before your daughter comes to camp:

- Please review all of the documents and updates we provide
- Please review our [Parent Handbook](#).
- Complete and upload all necessary forms and documents on your [CampInTouch](#) account by June 1st.
- Balances will be charged on June 1st. Make any necessary changes to the default card on file through your [CampInTouch](#) account under 'Financial Management.'
- View our [packing list](#) online or through the [Parent Handbook](#).

What do I need to do to prepare my daughter for camp?

As we send out guidance and update our families, please share new information with your daughter. This way she can prepare mentally for what kind of experience she will be having. We will be sending out videos so they can see first-hand how camp will look this summer.

Will you be updating us with any changes?

Absolutely! If the state of Connecticut makes any updates to the overnight camp requirements, we will be updating our families as soon as we are able to review the information. We want to make sure we are running the safest and most fun camp we can for your girls. You can find our most recent updates on our [COVID-19 Update](#) page.

How are the campers sorted into cabin? Can I make sure my daughter is placed with her friend?

We understand, now more than ever, that campers are going to have a difficult time being away from home. We understand that having a close friend in your cabin is even more important than ever. This is why we will do everything we can to place your daughter with her bunk request.

You can make bunk requests online through your [CampInTouch](#) account under 'Forms and Documents.' Bunk requests must be in by June 1st. Please limit your request to 2 campers and make sure the request is mutual, meaning all campers have requested each other.

Testing & Vaccination

What kind of testing will you require before campers arrive at camp?

We will require a negative PCR test 72 before arriving at camp. You must bring your test results with you when you arrive, otherwise, your daughter will not be able to attend camp.

You said a PCR test is required, what about rapid antigen test?

We will not accept a rapid antigen test result. Rapid tests tend to be unreliable, and we want to take every precaution before allowing campers into Mohawk.

Will fully vaccinated campers be required to get tested prior to camp?

No, if a camper has been vaccinated and waited the required two weeks after, they will not be required to get tested. However, if a camper has not completed the two-week waiting period after their second shot, they will need to provide a negative PCR test.

Will staff be required to get vaccinated?

As far as we know, most of our staff will be vaccinated. We are not enforcing our staff to be vaccinated, but most of our staff that have been hired thus far have already been vaccinated or will be by the time camp starts. Any staff members that are not fully vaccinated will be tested periodically.

Will camper ages 12-15 be required to get vaccinated?

No, we are not requiring our campers to be vaccinated before camp.

If camper is attending two sessions will a second test be needed?

No, a second test will not be required if a camper is attending multiple sessions. We are highly encouraging our campers and their families to participate in low-risk activities when they return home that night before returning to camp the next afternoon.

Will campers going to Cape Cod need to be tested before returning?

Our Cape Cod campers will not require testing once they return to camp. Once they arrive back at Mohawk, they will be quarantined away from the other campers.

If they are attending a Cape Cod one session, and returning for a second session, they may need to be tested a second time. We may be able to provide this test as well. We are still trying to figure out if we will require this second test and will update our Cape Cod families as soon as we have made a decision.

Will counselors be required to get tested when leaving and coming back to camp?

We are asking that our counselors to participate in low-risk activities when they leave camp for their days off. If a counselor is vaccinated, they will not be required to get tested. Our unvaccinated counselors will be tested periodically.

What are the requirements for international campers?

We are following the [CDC international travel requirements](#) this summer. Campers who are fully vaccinated, will not be required to quarantine, but will be required to provide a negative PCR test result 72 hours prior to camp. Campers who are NOT vaccinated will need to quarantine for 7 days (with a negative test) or 10 days (without being tested) prior to arriving at camp, but after arrival in the United States. The unvaccinated campers will also require a negative PCR test 72 hours prior to camp. We are also unable to provide transportation to or from the airport.

Check-In and Check-Out

What time is drop off?

Drop off is going to change this year. Right now, we believe that drop off will take place between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. We will assign times for campers to arrive, based on cohorts and siblings. We will let everyone know what their arrival time window will be as soon as we have made a schedule. You can expect that it will be somewhere in the timeframe of 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

What time is pick up?

Pick up time will remain the same, 9:00am-11:00am.

How will drop-off look this year?

Drop-off is going to look very different this year. We are going to be doing a loop in our ballfield with stations. Each station will cover a different part of check-in and you will drive around the loop to meet with our staff and make sure you are all ready for camp. The last step will be meeting your counselors (from 6 feet away), unloading your camper's bags, saying goodbye, and then parents will be required to return to their cars. We are not allowing parents up to the cabins this year. We will be sending out a video soon to prepare the whole family for this new experience.

How will pick up look this year?

We will have stations for each unit or cohort around camp. Upon arrival, you will be directed to the location where you can find your daughter.

While at Camp

How many campers and counselors per cabin?

Each cabin will have 8-10 campers with 1-2 counselors per cabin. Senior cabins will have up to 7 campers with 1 counselor per cabin.

How many campers and counselors per cohort?

Each cohort will consist of two cabins, so there will be 16-20 campers and 2-4 counselors per cohort.

Will campers with symptoms be quarantined while awaiting test results?

Yes, a camper with clear symptoms will be isolated while awaiting test results.

If a camper in a cohort has symptoms and tests positive, will everyone in the cohort have to go home even if they have been fully vaccinated?

Yes, if a camper in a cohort tests positive while at camp, even if fully vaccinated, the entire cohort will be required to leave camp.

If a camper gets sent home because someone in their cohort has COVID, will we receive a prorated refund?

Absolutely. This would be considered a medical emergency and we would absolutely provide a prorated refund.

Are cell phones allowed?

Cell phones are not allowed at Camp Mohawk. We believe that it interferes with the experience, while also causing a lot of homesickness. If you need to get in contact with your daughter, you can call our office and we can connect you.

We do not recommend calling your daughter while she is at camp. We understand that being separated from your daughter after this past year will be challenging, but we ask that you call as little as possible to speak with her. We are happy to pass messages along to your daughter's counselor and she can update you as well. You can also send her emails every day that we print out and give to the girls after dinner.

What are the plans for changeover weekends?

We are still trying to figure out if we will be able to hold changeover this year. We will be updating parents shortly.

Are day campers going to be kept completely separate from overnights?

Yes, absolutely. We will be keeping our day campers and overnight campers completely separate. We do not want to risk any type of exposure. Schedules have been created so that the two groups will never see each other during the day. They will eat and complete all of their activities completely separate from the overnight campers.

Will siblings in different cohorts be able to see each other?

We can absolutely arrange time for siblings to see each other during their time at camp. We recommend this happen as little as possible and away from other campers, but we will help siblings have time together if they request.

Is there any chance that the number of campers allowed in a cohort will expand before summer?

We are going to stick with two cabins per cohort throughout the summer. Reason being, if a camper were to test positive while they are here, that is already two cabins that will have to go home. With two cabins, we are able to give the girls a larger group of friends during the day, but we need to keep their safety in mind first.

Masks

When will campers be required to wear masks?

The state of Connecticut and the CDC are not requiring overnight campers to wear masks with their cohorts. Makes sense, as they will be sleeping and eating together. They will be with their cohorts all day. If a camper were ever in a large crowd or indoors with another cohort, they would be required to wear masks. Campers are also going to be required to wear masks while signing and when away from their table in the Dining Hall during meals. Otherwise, campers will not need to wear masks.

Do you have to wear masks in the cabin?

Campers will not be required to wear masks while in their cabins.

Sanitization & Ventilation

How will activity materials be cleaned in between uses?

Each cohort will have their own set of materials for every activity. Then after each use, counselors will sanitize everything.

How is the ventilation in the cabins?

The windows in our cabins provide great ventilation throughout the cabin.

Meals & Dining Hall

How will meals work this year?

Meals will look very similar to a normal year. All of the tables will be properly spaced to allow for adequate distancing. Cohort cabins will have their tables pushed together. We will continue to do family style, but with counselors as the servers. Campers and staff will be able to remove their masks while at the table but will be required to put on a mask if they get up from the table at all, and while signing.

Will campers be allowed to sing during meals?

Campers will absolutely be able to sing during meals. They will just be required to put on a mask while doing so.

Activities

Are there electives this year? Do the campers get any choice, or do they always go to one assigned activity as a cohort?

We will not be hosting our normal elective periods. Each cohort will receive an assigned schedule of activities for each day. Everyone will have free swim every day. More popular activities will happen 2-3 times a week, and other activities will complete the remaining slots.

We will have an elective period for the cohort. The cohort will be given options for each day and they will be allowed to choose where they go as a group.

Will there be swim lessons?

We will not be holding our normal swim lessons. We are not able to get in the water with the campers, so we cannot give them a proper lesson, but our lifeguards will be able to instruct from the docks, if necessary.

Will there still be theme nights?

We will absolutely still have theme nights! You can find our schedule on our website: [Theme Nights](#).

Will you still have all-camp ceremonies, campfires, BBQs, or banquet?

Although our usual traditions may look a little different this year, we are going to do our best to make them happen. For example, we may move our all-camp campfires to another location to allow for proper social distancing. We are expecting to hold Friendship Ceremony, Closing Ceremony, all camp campfires, BBQs, and banquet.

What activities will you be providing this year?

- Archery
- Arts and Crafts
- Badminton
- Basketry
- Farm
- Field Sports
- Friendship Bracelets
- Gaga
- Jewelry
- Nature
- Outdoor Living
- Ropes
- STEM
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Yoga
- Free Swim (everyday)