

What Summer 2021 Looks Like at Camp Alleghany for Girls

What you can count on to be the same. How some things will be different.
A simple guide for parents and campers.

AGE COHORTS

Mini Campers, Junior Campers, Start-Ups, Midways, Upstarts, and Leaders-In-Training should get ready for the special bonding, unique program elements, and fun of being with other campers in your age group!

CAMP'S BEAUTY

A pandemic can't take away beautiful mountains, fresh air, sunshiny days, a flowing river, twinkling stars, flitting butterflies, and chirping crickets. IN FACT...the great outdoors at camp make it uniquely equipped for supporting kids' health while giving campers one of their most favorite things – camp as their home away from home.

'GHANY GIRLS

In a normal summer, camp builds grit and resilience in campers. Manageable changes build character and nourish growing kids toward empowered adulthoods. Meeting the pandemic challenge this summer at camp is no different. We can do it!



We've all lived for the past year with the COVID-19 pandemic. Kids are familiar with masks, temperature checks, extra hand washing, and knowledge that the disease is serious. They've seen changes in schools, social gatherings, sports, and clubs. So the idea that camp will have *some* accommodations isn't that strange.

Still, that can lead to fears that camp will just not be camp.

Nothing could be further from the truth. This document helps dispel that myth while helping parents reassure campers about what's staying the same while preparing them for a few changes *just* for this pandemic summer. It's a companion to our much more detailed *COVID-19 Action Plan* for parents.

Camp will look and feel a *little* different in 2021. In order to hold camp, we're required to meet these small adaptations. But those accommodations aren't going to get in the way of fun, friends, activities, play, campfires, traditions, and more.

On the next page we'll go over what you can count on to stay the same at camp, and the *small* number of accommodations your camper can expect.

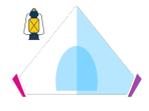
— Elizabeth Shreckhise, *Director*

Whats the same at camp this summer?

HINT: A lot!



The overall culture and feel of camp will be the same this summer.



WELCOME SONG

We can't wait to greet you with our familiar welcome song!

THE BARGE

You'll ride over to camp on The Barge and step into "our side of the river!"

TENTS & FOOD

You'll be in Jr. or Sr. camp, bonding with your tentmates and counselor as usual while rising to Reveille and going to sleep at Taps. You'll manage your personal area, hang up your towels, clean for Inspection, and take a break at Rest Hour.

You'll enjoy our Dining Hall, Lunch Under the Apple Tree, streusel cake, snack time and Milk & Cookies. You'll say "may I please" and you'll try a "taste or a serving."

ASSEMBLY

We'll gather for Assembly, raise the flag, make announcements, and get ready for the day ahead!

ACTIVITIES

Counselors will entice you to Activities with funny skits and you'll sample them all then pick *your* four Activities (Mini Campers will sample all throughout the week). You'll set personal goals with your activity counselors helping you to reach them.

During Free Time you'll read, swim, relax, visit the Store, and more.

At night we have all kinds of Evening Activities planned!

SPECIAL EVENTS & CAMPFIRES

There'll be Campfires, Vespers, and Swim and Canoe Meets. Depending on your Term, there's July 4th, Christmas in July, Babies' Boats, Candlelight Campfire, Banquet, and more!

BLUES & WHITES & BLUE & GRAY

Arrive in Blues & Whites and wear them to meals. It's white on Sundays!

And get ready for a summer of healthy rivalry between the Blues & the Grays.

THE RIVER

Did someone say Free Swim? Count me in!

MAIL CALL

Letters to send and letters to receive – nothing's more fun than Mail Call!

CAMP STORE

Want to shop for apparel or buy a necessity? Our Camp Store is still the place to go!

TRADITIONS

Whether it's your favorite camp songs, becoming a 4-year or a 10-year, taking Tent Pictures, or wearing flip flops to LUTAT, and much, much more, our traditions are alive and well and waiting for you!

What's different at camp this summer?

HINT: A few small things.

'Ghany will adapt a few things for the safety of all and to make sure camp can happen!

PRE-CAMP

You'll do a 10-day pre-camp quarantine, track & record symptoms, and get tested for COVID-19. A negative test is required for camp. Paperwork has hard deadlines.

PACKING

Add 3 masks to your list, and a face shield for emergencies. We recommend your own hand sanitizer if desired, though we'll have ample sanitizing stations.

OPENING DAY

Check-in staff wears masks. Families wear masks and check in via "drive-through." Parents and campers say good-bye at the Parking Lot. Campers ride the Barge with their counselors and Pods and get another COVID-19 test in camp.

PODS

For the first week you'll be grouped with your Unit (pod) for meals, activities, tent life, etc. After that we expect to let pods go. Mini Camp will be in pods the full week.

KEEP IT CLEAN

Lots of hand washing. No sharing food or personal items. Counselors will regularly remind campers about hand washing & no sharing. Staff will be sanitizing surfaces A LOT!

HEALTH CHECKS

Campers and staff get daily morning health checks, including temperatures and symptom checks. This acts as prevention *and* detection.

MEALS

More of these happen outdoors. When in the Dining Hall there's more spacing, campers stay at their tables, and there's no food sharing. Tableware is disposable. Kitchen staff and Hoppers wear masks. Announcements, songs, and chants happen outdoors.

TENT LIFE

Tents are open-flapped, including at night (except for changing). Campers sleep with heads six feet apart. Bring an extra blanket this summer!

OUTDOORS

This summer our all-camp time, including Evening Activities, is spent outdoors or in a large open tent. No all-camp events in the Play Hall unless in an emergency.

TRIPS

Many out-of-camp trips aren't possible. Activities with other camps are cancelled. Special alternatives are planned! Most LIT, outdoor, and nature trips remain.

INFIRMARIES

We'll have two infirmaries. The Infirmary is for meds, and regular health issues. The Quarantine Cabin is for COVID-19 issues.

COVID-19

A positive case of COVID-19 triggers changes: testing, quarantines, and *some* people leaving camp.

This might mean going back to Pods for a bit, or other small changes. It **won't** affect the things that are the same about camp on the previous page!