

Camper Health Protocols • Summer 2021

The following health protocols are intended to promote a safe camp experience for Camp SMILE campers during this COVID-19 year. We've benefited from helpful guidelines developed by the Association of Camp Nursing and American Camp Association (prepared by health professionals following CDC directives) to assist camps in operating safely this summer. We are grateful, too, for the thorough review and input in shaping these protocols from several MD's and RN's, including local infectious disease experts. As stated in previous communications, Camp SMILE will be guided by state and local restrictions and in cooperation with government agencies with jurisdiction over Camp SMILE (state of Alabama and Mobile County). Keeping campers and staff safe this summer will be a partnership between our staff and your family. Thank you for your cooperation in helping make this summer a safe and fun camp experience for everyone!

Please read the following protocols carefully, initialing parental/guardian agreement with each one. In addition to online registration, COVID -19 Health Protocols and Waiver (completed online) you must submit a completed and signed "Pre-Camp Health Screening" form, which will be administered closer to start of camp.

Again - the above three completed documents must be turned-in upon arrival to camp for your camper to be admitted! Most should have completed these steps online, except the "Pre-Camp Health Screening"

Parent/Guardian must initial each point to indicate agreement with / understanding of that protocol.

1. _____ Camp SMILE is located in Mobile County, AL. As such, the county has jurisdiction over Camp SMILE. Camp SMILE may adjust during the summer according to the current phase of the county. If any such adjustments are made, the changes will be communicated to parents prior to the start of a camp session.
2. _____ Parent/Guardian is to monitor camper's health, including daily temperature checks, in the two weeks prior to the start of his/her camp session, using the form "Pre-Camp Health Screening" provided (camp staff will also complete this protocol in the two weeks before arrival). Pre-Camp Health Screening form must be turned in for a camper to be admitted to camp. Note: camper with asymptomatic COVID-19 infections may not be identified with this pre-camp screening.
3. _____ To disperse people on-site, families will receive an assigned arrival time for camp check-in.
4. _____ Each camper will have his/her temperature checked (forehead) upon arrival.
5. _____ Medicine - all ages - will be turned-in to health coordinators and staff members at the car.
6. _____ Family members of campers are to stay INSIDE the car upon drop-off. Campers will be met by staff at the car, luggage handles disinfected, and escorted to their cabin. To minimize the number of people coming and going this summer, parents are not allowed to walk around camp or go to their camper's cabin. Thanks!
7. _____ No visitors are allowed while camp is in session, and no one will be allowed to exit the vehicle at camper pick up. Please plan accordingly.

8. _____ Campers will be pre-assigned a bunkbed in each cabin (i.e. no advantage arriving early). Bunks will have signs at each bunk to indicate how the sleeping bag is to be laid out, with the head of the camper on the top bunk directly above the feet of the camper on the lower bunk, with bunks staggered with adjacent bunks to maintain distancing for sleeping.
9. _____ As has been the practice at Camp SMILE, each camper will receive a squirt of alcohol-based hand sanitizer upon entering the pavilion for each meal. We will sanitize in and sanitize out of each activity and meal.
10. _____ Each cabin will have a bottle of sanitizer, with campers sanitizing their hands upon entering.
11. _____ Most of your camper's days will be spent with his/her cohorts - sleeping, small groups, meal times (same table), bathhouse use, etc. to minimize wider contact. During some outdoors activities (swimming, etc) your child may be in proximity of campers from other cabins.
12. _____ Because possible transmission of the virus is greatly diminished while outside, as many activities as possible will take place outside. If raining, shelter will take place with masks on. Physical distancing (no arms around neighbors' shoulders, etc.) will be enforced this summer.
13. _____ As always, if symptoms of illness arise, camper will immediately be put in a separate room. Parent/guardian agrees to be able to pick-up sick camper within 1-2 hours from initial phone call. **Note: We have campers get sick and go home every summer (fevers, sore throats, coughs, nausea, etc.). Know that there will be campers that get sick this summer, unrelated to COVID-19.**
14. _____ There will be diligent, daily sanitizing of hard surfaces in the dining hall, restrooms, door handles, and program equipment after each use (e.g. archery bows and arrows, mountain bike handles, craft supplies, hand sanitizer at ropes course, etc.)
15. _____ There are several situations in which campers would not/should not wear a mask/face covering: In the dining hall, eating next to cabin mates, Swimming, Sleeping, Physical exertion in warm weather. However, we will abide by current state and county guidelines specific to whichever phase we're in, including wearing masks when and where practical.
16. _____ You are aware of the risk of exposure you are taking on by sending your camper to Camp SMILE. While every precaution will be taken to keep all campers safe, you acknowledge the risk.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date