

# Summer 2021 - Policy & Procedure Updates

## Parent Information

### CAMP DAY

*\*Until Covid-19 is no longer a serious concern, we will continue with policies we established in 2020 which will protect our staff and our campers.*

#### ***Monday Morning Drop Off Procedure***

**Monday mornings, gates will open at 8:00am** to allow for temperature checks, screenings, medication drop off and car sign distribution..To expedite the drop off process, we are requesting families to adhere to alphabetical drop off shifts, to the best of their ability.:

**A-J** 8:00-8:30am,

**K-P** 8:30-9:00am,

**Q-Z** 9:00am-9:30am.

When entering the gates, both lanes will turn right and proceed to the first station. In each of the three lanes, 3-4 temperature check teams will be waiting. You will be greeted by a staff member with a clipboard while the campers exit the car for a temperature check. The driver of the car will provide the names of the campers in the car and answer yes or no to a series of questions regarding COVID-19 for each camper in the car. If the answer to all questions are "No" or no camper in the car registers a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher, those campers will be escorted to their group's counselor. You will then move to the second station to await the return of the camper's car signs needed for pickup. If the answer to any question includes a "Yes" or ANY camper in the car registers a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher, all campers in that car must load back up, the car and will proceed to the Nurse's queue near the exit gate. If you have medication to drop off, you will receive directions to the First Aid drop-off at our gates on Smith Barry Rd.

#### ***Tuesday-Friday Morning Drop-Off***

**Tuesday- Friday, gates will open at the regular time 8:30am** with no staggered drop off shifts.

Beginning on Tuesday, the morning drop off traffic pattern will return to "normal" with a few minor exceptions. Temperature checks will be done in a "randomized" fashion. the driver will be asked if any of the answers to the questions (shown on the back of their car sign) have changed since the previous day. If not, the campers are free to be taken to their group. If yes or if a camper in the car registers a fever of 100.0 degrees or greater, they will be redirected to the Nurse's queue.

- Reminders:
- There is absolutely no parking - t-shirts must be prepaid online through the camp store and will be sent home with campers the next day; snack money can be added online through their parent dashboard.
  - Any questions should be directed to the camp office or [info@campthurman.org](mailto:info@campthurman.org)
  - To communicate with your camper's counselor, email them directly at: [counselorname@campthurman.org](mailto:counselorname@campthurman.org)

## ***Camper Schedule Structure***

To limit camper interaction and increase the ability to contact trace, we have adopted a “cohort” system for our day camp programs. A cohort will consist of 4 similar-aged camper groups, with each group having no more than 13 campers and 2 staff members. Special schedules have been created this year to allow cohorts to have shared activities with the same groups during the week in an effort to minimize interactions with others. In addition, increased sanitization measures at activities will allow most all regular camp activities to take place this summer with minimal interruptions. Activities that will not take place this summer include Capture the Flag, Morning rally, Water Wagon and Counselor Hunt. Camper groups will still have skit/song times within their cohorts.

## ***Afternoon Traffic/Pick-Up***

Afternoon pick up guidelines remain the same as previous years and will open at 3:30pm

A few new updates for this summer:

- Campers will be more spread out in terms of where the groups are located
- Mondays - water bottles and pre-paid t-shirts will be sent home.
- Tuesday-Friday additional pre-paid t-shirts will be sent home..
- If a car does not have the required car sign, they will be sent to the car queue near the exit gate and must await assistance by an office staff member.
- Fridays - Photo Cards and camper medication (such as an epi-pen) will be sent home.

## ***Visitors***

In an effort to limit exposure and be able to trace contact among campers, Camp Thurman will not allow access of any non-program persons into our campgrounds, including parents, families or vendors who are not pre-approved. \*\*This summer there will be absolutely no parking available and parents will not be allowed to accompany their camper outside of their vehicles.

## ***Travel Policy***

We know that travel plans for families have been in a state of flux. For travel guidelines and camp protocols. please refer to the screening questions :

According to the US State Department, anyone traveling into Texas through an airport from an international destination must self-quarantine for 14 days following their arrival into Texas, and therefore would not be able to attend camp until after such.

## ***Screening Questions***

In addition to screening for common COVID-19 related signs and symptoms, each driver will be asked a series of yes/no questions. These questions include:

- In the previous 14 days, has the camper had contact with someone who has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, is under investigation for COVID-19, or is ill with a respiratory illness?
- In the previous 14 days, has the camper travelled internationally?
  - If anyone in the household has travelled internationally in the last 14 days, have they practiced the mandated self-quarantine?
- Has anyone in the household shown signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and low-grade fever of 100.0 or greater in the last 48 hours?
- Has the camper taken any fever reducing medications in the last 48 hours?

An adult in the car must be able to accurately answer the screening questions for all campers in the car and provide further details if a “Yes” response is given.

## ***General Health Protocols and Temperature Policy***

Upon arrival on Monday morning, campers will be screened with a temperature check and questions regarding possible COVID exposure and respiratory illness.

At the recommendation of the state and local health department, any camper who registers a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees must leave the camp premises. Any campers carpooling with a feverish camper will also be sent home. If the feverish camper is cleared by a medical professional as having a non-COVID related illness, the carpooling campers may return the next day.

In the case of a camper who has symptoms ( including fever) that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the camper is assumed to have COVID-19, and the camper may not return to camp until the he/she has completed the following three-step criteria:

- 1) At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery(resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications)
- 2) Individual improvement in symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
- 3) At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

If a camper with a fever visits a doctor and is able to obtain a doctor's note diagnosing them with a non-COVID related illness, they must be fever free without medication for 24 hours straight prior to returning to camp. Proof of the doctor's note will be required and should be sent to [info@campthurman.org](mailto:info@campthurman.org).

If a camper is sent home mid-day, only that individual will be sent home, not those in their carpool.

\*per state and local guidelines, a reminder to all families will be given on Fridays regarding the enhanced risks of campers being in direct contact with anyone age 65 or older for 14 days after the end of the camp week.

## ***Personal Protective Equipment***

Face coverings will be used by staff in the following areas

- Temperature Checkers in morning traffic
- When harnessing campers
- When sanitizing high touch areas around camp
- Medical personnel through out the day, as needed.

## ***Healthy Camper Practices***

Counselors and Staff will educate campers on the following steps to stay healthy:

- Keep a safe distance from others
- Refrain from physical touch with others
- Stay with your Cohort, as designated by your color band.
- Use proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette

## ***Hand Sanitization***

All group counselors will be provided a portable bottle of alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Each group will be required to sanitize at the start of each activity period. In addition to the hand sanitizer, multiple hand washing stations will be available throughout camp. Soap and water will be readily available in the camp bathrooms.

### ***Sanitation Crew***

Camp Thurman's Sanitation Crew will consist of a team of summer staff dedicated to executing essential elements of our hygiene plans.

### ***Water Stations & Bottles***

Counselors will not carry the group's water bottles together in a tote bag. Water stations will be located throughout camp with paper cups next to each water jug. Only the staff members will handle the filling of all paper cups and/or refillable water bottles for the campers.

Water jugs will be located in central areas where their use can be monitored. They will be refilled regularly by the Sanitation Crew.

### ***Lost & Found***

It is strongly encouraged that all camper items have the camper name clearly visible. If an item is found during the camp day and a name is located on it, we will make every effort to return it to the appropriate camper before the end of the camp week. If there is no name or the item is not claimed, we will dispose of the item.

### ***1st Aid & Medication***

All camper medication will be dropped off directly with our nurse. Medications must be in its original container and accompanied by the proper CT medication form. On Monday, after dropping off your camper(s), you will be given directions to pull around to the CT gates on Smith Barry Rd to drop off your camper's medication with the Camp Nurse.

### ***Late Arrivals/Early Pickups***

After the regular drop off time, the front gates will be closed. If you arrive late to drop off a camper, ring the buzzer outside the gate and await assistance from an office staff member. Parents and campers are NOT allowed to get out of the car until met by an office staff who will perform the temperature check outside of our gates.

If a camper needs to be picked up early, please notify both the office and counselor prior to the start of the day or as soon as possible. There is no early pickup available after 2:30pm. If you, pick up a camper early, ring the buzzer outside the gate and await assistance from an office staff member. You will be asked to show ID and verification of pickup authorization.