

Another exciting season is upon us at Camp Thurman and we cannot wait to see everyone again! Although last year was challenging, our Father was so good to us in so many ways and even blessed us with an amazing 2020 summer in the middle of a global pandemic!

Last summer we followed State and locally mandated COVID protocols in an effort to help protect our campers, staff and their families. We are thankful to see that the numbers of infected have dropped dramatically and that the number of those hospitalized have also continued to decline. As our State mandates have expired we wanted to share with you what you can expect moving forward at CT regarding health and safety procedures.

We have always worked to ensure the highest level of safety and cleanliness for our staff and campers and we will continue to do so, and after reviewing our protocols from last summer there are a few procedures that were implemented that will remain in effect for 2021.

We found that for efficiency and the safety of our campers and staff it is in the best interest of everyone that we continue the policy that parents and drivers remain in their cars at all times and that we do not allow parking at any time. We will continue to bring pick up cards to your car and have medication drop off at our drive up nurses station location on Smith Barry Drive allowing you to remain in your car at all times. As well, all t-shirt and merchandise purchases will be brought to your vehicle on Monday mornings, so no more waiting in long lines!!

Also, we will continue to place our groups in cohorts. That means that your campers will be interacting with approximately 50 campers of roughly the same age throughout the week during activities. We have found this to be a great way of bonding our campers and creating some meaningful relationships. It also doesn't hurt that it limits exposure to the number of campers they come in contact with daily!

Regarding water bottles, we will continue the practice of staff only touching water containers and filling up camper water bottles. We believe this to be a good hygiene practice in general. Moving forward we will no longer require daily temperature checks or exposure questions for any of our campers, however as a precaution, we will continue to do so for our staff on a daily basis. We also ask that parents continue to monitor the health of their campers and are proactive in keeping them home if they have a temperature or do not feel well.

Finally, cornerstones of our faith and our ministry have always been and will always be both choice and respecting one another. We are allowing all staff members, participants and campers to make their own decision to wear a mask or not, without judgement. We believe the information each individual needs to make an informed decision pertaining to their personal circumstance is available, therefore we will respect their choice. Parents, we realize your campers will need your input regarding this choice, so if you would like your camper to wear a mask all or part of the day, please inform the counselor so that it may be notated.

It has been our belief that what has allowed us to continue to operate with almost no cases of infection throughout the pandemic is the fact that we are 100% outdoors. Recent studies released back up those beliefs. As always, we will continue to monitor and follow all State and local mandates.