

YMCA Camp Thunderbird COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures and Participant Engagement Plan

This document is subject to change as information about COVID-19 continues to evolve.

Arrival

Upon arrival to camp, staff will check participants' temperatures and ask the adult dropping them off or in the group the COVID screening questions before anyone even get out of the car. Participants with a temperature of 100.4° or higher or an answer of "yes" to any of the COVID-19 exposure questions will not be allowed to check-in at camp.

Activities

Activities will be held outside as often as possible. We are encouraging all participants to dress for the weather and to bring their own water bottles. Water stations will be placed around camp for refills and all coolers will be washed daily and the water filling button disinfected between groups.

Handwashing and/or sanitation stations are outside the dining hall, Johnson Hall, Rec Hall and the shower house. All participants and staff will wash their hands during transition times.

Cabin groups will not intermix at activities and will be kept socially distanced from each other during any large group activities. Members of the same group will not be expected to remain socially distant from each other.

We are requiring that all participants wear masks while they are inside. Whenever they are outside, they do not have to wear their mask unless they are within 6 feet of a person not in their group (which we aim to avoid). All staff will be required to wear masks when within 6 feet of participants. They may take their masks off for instruction when they are over 6 feet away from participants.

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Classes

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Advanced Aquatic Ecology

All tools will be sprayed or wiped down after class by the instructor.

Archery

All bows and arrows will be disinfected or set aside for 72 hours.

Canoeing:

All paddles, lifejackets, and canoe seats will be disinfected between users. Lifejackets need to be cleaned by spraying with a 60-90% alcohol solution, and then let dry. Or they can sit for 72 hours without spraying.)

All participants will have their own watercraft except for canoes where two participants from the same cabin group can share a canoe with one camper sitting in the front and one in the back with no middle rider.

Compass

Instructors will wipe off the compasses and the pace sheets at the end of class.

Creepy Crawlies

Participants will not be able to share vials for the bug hunt. Instructors will wipe off the vials at the end of class.

Eco Heroes

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class.

Environmental Debate

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class.

Fishing and Fish Dissection

Instructors will sanitize fishing poles between users. Instructors will clean and sanitize dissection equipment after use.

Forest Ecology

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class.

Group Dynamics

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class. Instructors will choose games and teambuilding activities that allow for social distancing. For the Beast, only one person per group will touch the building materials.

High Ropes Challenge :

All gear (harnesses, helmets, carabiners, belay devices, and hardware) will be sanitized using warm, soapy water. They will be rinsed in clean water and hung to dry. If participants are wearing shower caps, then helmets will not need to be sanitized between users.

All participants will wash their hands or use sanitizer immediately before they climb and again when they are finished.

Instructors will assist participants with putting on and checking all gear. Instructors will clip participants in and out. Instructors will be required to wash their hands or use sanitizer before and after class.

Living History

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class. Costumes will be washed or set aside for 72 hours after each use.

Low Challenge Course

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class. Instructors will choose games, teambuilding activities, and elements that allow for social distancing.

Meelewing

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class. Students will wash their hands after the card game.

Meteorology

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies and tools at the end of class.

Nature Art

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class.

Pioneer Life

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class. Students will not be allowed to wear our costumes.

Soil Study

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class. Instructors only will use the auger.

Wildlife Ecology

Instructors will spray or wipe down activity supplies at the end of class. We expect to do the animal portion inside the wildlife room. Participants will be allowed to touch the animals per instructor permission.

Rec Time

During rec time, cabin groups stay socially distanced from each other. All participants will wash their hands before and after rec time.

Building Capacities

We will aim to use outdoors spaces for programs as much as possible – including meals ; however below are the adjusted capacities.

Dining Hall: 11,000 sq. feet; capacity of 117 people

Rec Hall: 5,000 sq. feet; capacity of 50 people

Johnson Hall (main room): 3,000 sq. feet: capacity of 30 people

Johnson Hall (back room): capacity of 1 group

Multipurpose room: capacity of 1 group

Cabins: capacity of 1 group

Dining Hall & Meals

Meals will be plated for staff and all participants by either our staff team or Aramark. All staff preparing plates and serving food will wear gloves and masks.

The number of people allowed in the dining hall will be limited and based on the recommendations of the CDC and the local health department. As of July 2020, Aramark recommends no more than 117 people be in the dining hall at once. This is based on 25% of the full capacity of the dining hall, which is 470 people. To keep our dining hall at 25% capacity, we may run multiple meal times. Aramark suggests leaving at least 15-30 minutes between groups for proper cleaning and sanitation.

Some meals will be served in the dining hall and others will be catered to other buildings, such as the Duke Pavilion or Rec Hall.

When eating in the dining hall, Aramark suggests that we recommend to groups to leave one seat between each person. Groups in the dining hall will not be able to use the drink stations. Blue cups will be filled with ice and we will provide water only.

Students will be provided with a morning and afternoon snack.

We are partnering with Aramark staff to ensure the dining hall is sanitized properly.

Communal Spaces

In communal spaces, social distancing between groups will be enforced. All surfaces will be sanitized and disinfected, and participants will be required to sit with their cabin group and socially distanced from all other cabin groups.