Camp Sionito Summer Youth Camps 2021

In-person camps will be different this year yet lots of opportunities for spiritual growth, fun fellowship, and fostering friendships will still be offered at Camp Sionito. Here are the safety accommodations recommended by the American Camp Association that you will find at in-person camps.

First, everyone must understand that for in-person camps to be held, the COVID risk levels must be at an acceptable level as per Community of Christ guidelines.

Pre-Camp Requirements and Arrival

Waiver and Release of Liability for COVID-19 form, Camp Pre-Screening Form and Commitment to Transport form must be signed either electronically with the Camper Registration or provided by hand when arriving at camp.

Campers must show proof of at least one (1) negative COVID-19 Molecular RNA nasal swab taken within 10 days of arrival at camp.

If symptoms are reported or detected, a camper may be required to take a COVID-19 Rapid test upon arrival. Campers with a positive result will not be allowed to depart the vehicle used to transport them to camp.

For the protection of all campers and staff, it is strongly recommended that some degree of social separation be practiced for 2 weeks prior to arriving at camp.

Basics

Masks are required except when eating, sleeping, and in the swimming pool. Campers should plan to bring enough personal masks for 2 per day. If masks become wet or dirty, they must be changed for a clean one. Cloth and disposable masks are acceptable.

Social distancing will be maintained.

Cabin mates and counselors will be a cohort, like a family. Cohorts will stay together for activities and sit together at the dining hall, tabernacle, and other large group gatherings. There will be social distance between other cohorts.

Hand sanitizing stations will be found throughout camp with directions for frequent use. Notouch sanitizer dispensers will be found at the entry to the dining hall.

Equipment will be sanitized between uses. Examples: bow/arrows and art supplies

Singing is considered a high-risk activity even with masks, therefore there will be no **group** singing.

In the Cabins

Bunks will either be 6 feet apart or separated by a plastic barrier that will be cleaned daily.

Air filtration/purifiers will be added to the cabins.

One camper in the cabin bathroom at a time.

Personal care items will be kept in a bag or basket. These will not be stored in the bathroom but rather on the camper's bunk.

Bathroom fixtures will be wiped with disposable sanitation wipes after each use. In addition, the bathroom will be cleaned twice daily by adult staff.

Meals

Cohorts will be assigned a table to be used all week. Campers in the cohort will be spaced 3 feet apart. Tables will be arranged with at least 6 feet between.

Masks will be required while waiting for the meal and moving in dining hall. Masks may only be removed while eating.

One cohort at a time will be called to line up in a socially distanced manner. There will be markers indicating the 6 feet distancing.

There will be a shield between the servers and the campers.

Campers will indicate what they would like added to their plate as the plate is passed down the line of servers. There will be a pick-up station where the camper retrieves the tray and a separate station to pick up a drink.

Kitchen staff and servers will wear gloves, face masks and face shields.

Some meals may be eaten outdoors or served sack lunch style.

Swimming Pool

There will be pool time! The buddy system will be in place with buddies being from the same cohort.

Social distancing of 6 feet will be maintained while on the cement area around the pool. Masks will be required outside of the water.

Other Safety Features

Camp staff, including counselors and CITs, are required to be vaccinated at least 28 days before camp. Those that are not able to be vaccinated can be approved with 2 negative COVID-19 Molecular RNA nasal swab tests taken 14 days within arrival at camp.

One staff member will serve as the COVID Health Officer.

Camp nursing staff will be trained and prepared for COVID isolation protocol.

Kitchen staff complies with strict COVID symptom monitoring.

A thorough cleaning protocol will be implemented between camps to include use of an electrostatic sanitizing sprayer to sanitize all buildings used by the previous camp, time to "air out" after sanitation, and new plastic barriers between bunks.