



Camp Parents,

Whitewater Summer Camps will begin as originally scheduled starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The Whitewater Center is following guidance from the State of North Carolina, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Environmental Health & Engineering, Inc. and the American Camp Association (ACA) to add additional measures and procedures to camp operations to help minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 in a manner that is feasible and practical at our facility. These measures will be evaluated and adjusted frequently and include:

- Offsite Trips Cancelled
  - Due to the use of 15-passenger vans, we have elected to cancel our offsite trips for the following camps:
    - Backcountry Camping 101
    - Rock, Ride, and Paddle II
    - Kayak Camp
- Monitoring
  - Daily health screenings are to be conducted for each camper. Parents are to play the primary role in this process by conducting the daily screening prior to the camper's arrival as recommended by NCDHHS. Please see the recommended screening process: (<https://usnwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Symptom-Screening-Checklist.pdf>)
  - Any camper showing any symptoms is not to attend the camp.
  - This same symptom screening process also apply to all USNWC staff.
  - Any campers or staff that develop symptoms during the course of the day will be isolated immediately and sent home.
- Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures
  - Parents and Campers must park their vehicles and check in with the camp staff located between the Adventure Pavilion and Overlook Pavilion. The check-in queue will have cones to designate appropriate spacing.
  - Drop-Off: 8:30am to 9:00am
  - Pick-Up: 4:30pm to 5:30p



- Sanitization Practices
  - Shared equipment will be sanitized before and after each use based on industry standards and manufacturer recommendations
  - The promotion of frequent hand washing practices to all campers and staff
  - A third-party cleaning and sanitation service will also clean and sanitize high touch areas
  
- Social Distancing and other practices
  - Every reasonable effort will be made to practice social distancing whenever possible. We recognize that the campers will not be able to maintain separation at all times. Our goal is to remind and facilitate this distancing in a reasonable and practical manner.
  - Each camper is to make their own decision regarding the use of masks. Activities that will not support the use of masks will either present the camper with the option to forgo the activity or remove the mask during that activity.
  
- Face Coverings
  - Pursuant to NC Executive Order #147, campers ages 11 and up will be required to wear a face covering if they are within 6 feet of other people.
  - Campers are not required to wear a face covering:
    - During strenuous activity, including moving to and from camp activities.
    - While eating or drinking.
    - Due to medical reasons.
    - If the camper is under the age of 11.
    - Due to any exceptions stated in NC Executive Order #147.
  - Campers must provide their own face coverings.

The Whitewater Center acknowledges the inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any setting where people are in close proximity to one another, including Summer Camp programs. The risk of COVID-19 exposure, like the risks involved with participating in outdoor activities, can never be completely eliminated. The Whitewater Center recognizes that some parents may not feel comfortable with their child participating in camps that involve potential exposure to COVID-19 and the Center will process refunds if a parent decides against participation prior to the beginning of the child's Summer Camp session.

**COVID-19 Summer Camp Resources:**

[Centers for Disease Control & Prevention - Camp Considerations](#)

[American Camp Association COVID-19 Resource Center](#)

Please contact the Outdoor School at (704) 391-3900 or [campstaff@usnwc.org](mailto:campstaff@usnwc.org) with any questions.