

Dear Camp du Nord Families,

Welcome to family camp and thank you for placing your trust in our team, who are dedicated to providing you with a safe and healthy home away from home!

Camp du Nord remains focused on the health and safety of our camper families and our staff team. It is with your health and wellbeing in mind that we will continue our "Camp Care" program. This program includes safety and cleanliness standards, all in accordance with CDC, American Camp Association and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines and recommendations. Please refer to our Camper Social Contract for all the ways you can help us keep camp a safe and healthy place to play and relax.

Our Camp Care Program

We have put in place enhanced safety practices at check-in and in any communal area. Your family will be asked a series of health screening questions during the check-in process. During your session, we ask that different family groups in camp **practice physical distancing** by ensuring a safe distance for interactions. Many activities, spaces and camp equipment can be shared closely within a cabin/family group only, but we ask that you allow for adequate distance (at least 6 ft) between your family group and others. We regularly disinfect high-touch areas and ask that you help us clean shared program equipment. There are hand sanitizing and hand washing stations located throughout camp.

We are increasing the ability to gather indoors this summer, but as always there are plenty of spaces outside to gather. We will be flexible in the ways we gather, keeping camper safety top of mind. All biffies (porta-potties) and public restrooms/showers, will be cleaned on closely-monitored schedules. **For now, it will remain our policy that all campers and staff wear face coverings/masks when in any indoor space, except for personal cabins/sleeping quarter.** Single-use masks will be available in case a mask is forgotten by a camper or team member. While in either indoor or outdoor spaces, we ask that families/households keep at least a 6 feet distance from other families/households. Our "Social Contract", which can be found in the Camper Handbook explains our hopes for community safety during your stay. We still want you to socialize with others and to enjoy this beautiful space together, while also being respectful of physical distancing requirements and wellbeing standards. We are thrilled to have program offerings that provide safe and fun camp experiences this summer, even with these modifications needed to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

It is imperative that you monitor your health and the health of your cabin/family group during your time at camp. Please make the decision to isolate if anyone in your group experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and inform a team member right away. We can work with you on getting a COVID test if symptoms are present.

Knowing that our amazing program staff team creates much of the magic of family camp, it is critical that we also focus on the wellbeing of our team members. They are instructed to not come to work if they are not well. We have frequent safety training and we stress the importance of wellness and strict adherence to our safety protocols. Importantly, we value their health as well as yours. It was an expectation that all du Nord team members engaged with young people were fully vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to arrival.

We know that most of your time with us this summer will be spent in the beautiful outdoors and in your own cabin or tent site. Prior to your stay, your cabin will be cleaned and closely inspected in accordance with CDC guidelines, using EPA certified products.

Please read through our materials to understand our policies and procedures, and to familiarize yourself with all the amazing ways to enjoy camp this summer!

From our team at YMCA Camp du Nord, we want you to know that we truly care about you, your family and your health – we are a community that cares about one another. We stand ready to provide you a safe, clean home away from home as “Camp Care” is our standard.

Thank you for the privilege of sharing this space with you and your family.

Stay healthy. Get outside. Have fun!

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