

Family Camp Frequently Asked Questions

- **When does registration open?** March 1
- **Who can come?** Adults and children who live in your household regardless of age and gender: Father and child(ren), mother and child(ren), both parents and child(ren). You may also bring babies and toddlers but please remember that Camp Hemlock does not have a nursery or child-proofed rooms. The adults supervise their own children.
- **Can my son and daughter come at the same time?** Yes they can!
- **Can I bring my kids' friends or cousins?** No. COVID restrictions only allow us to open camp to members of your household. If your child really wants to attend camp with friends this summer, you may want to consider our Camp in a Day Program.
- **Where will we sleep?** Each family will have their own rustic cabin.
- **Where will we eat?** Meals are provided each day. Each family will have their own table in the dining hall or screened-in porch. We will set up each table to be at least 6ft away from the next nearest family. You may also choose to take your meal and eat it at the picnic table outside your cabin.
- **What activities will we do?** Archery, slingshot, tomahawk, fire building, craft, Rock Gardens hike, swimming and canoeing at Trout Pond, scavenger hunt, crayfish hunting, Werth Hall games, pool, family devotionals, star gazing, time to relax, and more. You can also choose to bring your own bicycles and fishing gear.
- **What does the schedule look like?** Naturally the schedule is subject to change. Right now, we are planning on starting day 1 after dinner. After getting your cabin set, we have a family campfire with s'mores. The second day would include a hike to the Rock Gardens and exploring the Boulder Field in the morning, staff led and independent activities and rotations in the afternoon, and a family cookout in the evening. The third day would provide staffed and independent activities and rotations in the morning, an excursion to Trout Pond in the afternoon, and a campfire at night. The final day will be breakfast and check-out.
- **Will the time be highly structured or relaxed?** You will be able to do as much or as little as you would like. There will be options for you and your family each day. Relax, have fun, do the activities you want to do and skip the ones that don't appeal to you.
- **Can my friends come in the same week but in a different cabin?** Of course, as long as space is available. We can only have 20 family camp individuals per session. We know that part of the fun of father/son and dad/daughter camps was coming with your

friends. You can do that too. Just be sure to register early for the same session. Your friends will be in different cabins, but you can hike together, swim together, and safely hang out together at camp.

- **Who will be staffing the camp?** Each session will have teenage staffers to help run rotations. If it matters to you, July 4-7, July 8-11, July 12-15, and July 18-21 will be staffed by boys while July 25-28, July 29-August 1, August 2-5, and Aug 8-11 will be staffed by girls. You can sign up for any open session you like regardless of your gender.
- **What about masks and social distancing?** We cannot let an outbreak happen at camp. Masks will be worn when indoors and will be worn when in close proximity to each other outdoors. We will follow WV social distancing guidelines. The vaccine does not eliminate this requirement. Masks will not be required for campers and staff when they are inside their cabin or anytime they are interacting with their cabin group. Masks will be required if interacting for longer than 15 minutes at less than 6 feet with someone outside of their group. Our programs are structured so that opportunities for this type of interaction are limited in a typical day. Campers are welcome to wear a mask if they choose to do so.
- **How much does it cost?** \$150 per person for the first four people. Any additional family members will be \$75 per person. Children three and under are free.
- **Will there be daily COVID health checks? What will they entail?** There will be daily COVID health checks. Your temperature will be taken and you will be screened for the following symptoms: chills, new or worsening cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, severe cold symptoms, new or unusual aching throughout the body, vomiting or diarrhea, new rash, loss of sense of smell or taste. We will not be administering COVID tests on site.
- **Is there a self-quarantine before camp?** Yes. You cannot have had contact with someone who has or is suspected of having COVID in the 14 days prior to arrival. Additionally, you cannot have symptoms related to COVID prior to arrival. These symptoms include: chills, new or worsening cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, severe cold symptoms, new or unusual aching throughout the body, vomiting or diarrhea, new rash, loss of sense of smell or taste. Receiving the COVID vaccine does not eliminate the need to quarantine.
- **What if someone gets sick?** If someone gets sick or has COVID symptoms while at camp, your entire family must immediately go home, and we may have to shut down the rest of family camp. We don't want this to happen! The self-quarantine before camp is our best fight against stopping COVID from entering camp property.

- **What is your refund policy?** All registration fees will be fully refunded if your family is unable to attend due to COVID, COVID symptoms, or suspected COVID exposure. There is not a refund for predicted or actual rain.
- **How many people will be in camp?** Up to 8 family units and the junior staffers to run activities. We will also be running staff training programs during family camps. Those training activities will stay separate from Family Camp.
- **What won't you do that is normally part of the camp activity list due to COVID restrictions?** Unfortunately not all activities will be able to take place due to social distancing restrictions and the limited number of staff we can have on site. These include the adventure course, zip line, and riflery. We will only have a group campfire one night instead of each night. We plan to work skits and testimonies in throughout the day.
- **What kind of cleaning protocols will be in place?** There will be extensive cleaning in compliance with the West Virginia Health Department. These include, but are not limited to, high-touch areas being cleaned every two to three hours, bathrooms cleaned and mopped three times a day, surfaces in the Lodge cleaned daily, regular cleaning and disinfecting of the dining hall between meals. Hand sanitizer will be present all over camp along with hand washing stations. Hand washing before meals will be required and shared equipment will be wiped down between uses. Cabins will be aired out for 24 hours and then cleaned between occupancies.
- **What sort of spiritual growth opportunities will there be for my family?** Each family will be given a family devotional packet to complete. You can also provide your own devotional. There will still be teenage testimonies and thought provoking spiritual skits. There is something wonderful about being in God's creation away from phones and electronic devices that opens a person's heart to thoughts and discussions about God.
- **Will the pool be open?** Yes. The small numbers of family campers will allow your family to enjoy the pool while distanced from other families.
- **Can we bring a pet?** No
- **How cold does it get at night?** It can get into the 60s at night.