

# Camp Hemlock Summer 2021

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 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 five teenage staffers to help run rotations. If it matters to you, July 8-11 and July 12-15 will be staffed by boys and July 29-August 1 and August 2-5 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.
- **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 20 family campers and 5 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.

## Camp in a Day Frequently Asked Questions

- **When does registration open?** March 1
- **Who can come?** Whoever you can fit in your car regardless of age and gender.

- **Can my son and daughter come at the same time?** Yes they can. For this summer, Camp Hemlock will not be split into boys' camp and girls' camp.
- **Can I bring my kids' friends?** Yes as long as they also quarantine themselves beforehand. There must be an adult in charge of them. The person bringing them to camp is that adult and will need to provide supervision.
- **Who will supervise my child?** You will be supervising the child(ren) you bring to camp through a variety of fun activities. If your child wants to go to the Rock Gardens, you need to go with them as well. We have a small number of staff members who will lead activities and hikes, but the adult that brings the child(ren) is responsible for supervision.
- **Can I drop my child off?** No. You will be supervising the child(ren) you bring to camp through a variety of fun activities. Please do not ask our staff to supervise your child(ren). Any adult that attends Camp in a Day must be physically capable of staying with your child(ren). If your child wants to go to the Rock Gardens, you need to go with them as well.
- **What about food?** Lunch will be provided and we will cook hot dogs over the campfire for dinner. You are also welcome to pack your own food stored in your own cooler.
- **What activities will we do?** Hike to the Rock Gardens and explore the nearby Boulder Field, pool, archery, slingshot, tomahawk, crayfish hunt, games in Werth Hall, and more. You can also choose to bring your own bike and fishing gear.
- **What does the schedule look like?** Arrive around 10am. Independent activities or a staff led hike to the Rock Gardens and Boulder Field in the morning. We will gather for lunch and present some songs, skits, and a message. The afternoon will be staffed rotations and another opportunity to hike to the Rock Gardens. The pool will be open most of the day. We will end with cooking hot dogs over the fire. You are welcome to stay until 8 p.m.
- **Will the time be highly structured or relaxed?** Very relaxed. You will have plenty of options for what to do. Come out to camp and relax, have fun, and do some things you can't do at home.
- **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 West Virginia social distancing guidelines. The vaccine does not eliminate this requirement.
- **How much does it cost?** \$35 per person. The cost includes lunch and dinner plus activities at camp.

- **Will there be daily COVID health checks? What will they entail?** There will be a COVID health check upon your arrival. 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, they will need to go home immediately. 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 the participant 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?** We will have up to 20 Camp in a Day participants along with 5 junior staff. Elsewhere on the property there will be a separate SALT or LACE group.
- **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. There will not be a large campfire at night, but we will have a shorter presentation at lunch.
- **What kind of cleaning protocols will be in place?** There will be extensive cleaning in line 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.
- **What sort of spiritual growth opportunities will there be for my family?** We will provide a devotional that you can do with the people you bring. There will also be a lunch time event with some songs, skits, and a message.

- **Will the pool be open?** Yes. Due to the small number of campers, you will be able to enjoy the pool.
- **Will there be a campfire to close the day?** There will be a campfire to cook hot dogs for dinner. There will not be a late night campfire. We will do an event at lunch instead. You are free to leave at any time, but official departure is 8 p.m.
- **Can we bring a pet?** No

## Boys' Junior Staff Frequently Asked Questions

- **When is leadership training week? Where will it be held?** June 27-July 3 at Camp.
- **What camp programs are happening this summer?** West Virginia COVID restrictions are still in place. We will offer four half week sessions of Family Camp. A family will rent out a cabin and do activities around camp. We will rotate through five junior staffers to help run Family Camp each week. Additionally, we are offering Camp in a Day where a car load of people come to camp, hike to the Rock Gardens, do some activities at camp, swim in the pool, and go home all in the same day. We will also be having two SALT groups and two LACE groups. Current COVID restrictions do not allow us to have the normal summer programs. This summer will be different, but better than no summer programs. *You can apply to be a Junior Staff or SALT Leader. We are not having a PD or APD this year.* Applications are due by April 1
- **What will we do at leadership training week?** In addition to preparing camp for the season, we will go through leadership training activities, group initiatives, squad Bible studies, and mock campfires with skits. Training week has always been one of the best weeks of the summer and we want to have a fun time together.
- **What will we do the rest of the summer?** Unlike a normal summer where you will stay on as staff, we can only have five junior staffers per week after leadership training week. Some of you will be able to serve one extra week on staff and some of you will only have the leadership week at camp. Acceptance and schedule will be announced before May 1.
- **What are we training to do if we are not holding the typical summer camp season?** You are being trained to be Christian leaders in a world that desperately needs you. You will learn skills that you will be able to apply in your personal walk with God and in leadership opportunities you will have in your school and church. Some junior staffers will lead campers this summer in Family Camp and Camp in a Day activities. We are

hoping and praying that some of you will return to be the camp's more experienced staff for a normal summer 2022.

- **Is there an application process?** The staff application is available on the camp website on the right-hand side. You must apply by April 1. The application and an interview will help determine which 20 young men are accepted.
- **When do I have to decide by?** As soon as possible. We can only have 20 junior staff members. Application deadline is April 1.
- **What about masks and social distancing?** For many reasons, we cannot let an outbreak happen at camp. Any outbreak during training week would derail the SALT program the following week which will impact summer 2022. Masks will be worn when indoors and will be worn when in close proximity to each other outdoors. We must follow West Virginia social distancing guidelines. Receiving the COVID vaccine does not eliminate the need to wear a mask.
- **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, that person will immediately go home, and we will probably have to shut down the rest of training week. We don't want this to happen! The self-quarantine before camp is our best fight against stopping COVID from entering camp property.
- **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.

- **Where will we sleep?** You will be sleeping in the regular cabins in smaller squad groups of five to six. The cabins are well ventilated.

## SALT Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is SALT?** SALT stands for Servant and Leadership Training. It develops leadership skills, fosters a deeper relationship with Jesus through individual and group Bible studies, teaches safe outdoor camping skills, and prepares the individual to be on junior staff the following summer. You will be stretched physically, relationally, and spiritually. There is an intensity to SALT that may not be the best choice for all applicants.
- **When is SALT?** SALT is two weeks from July 4 to July 17
- **What will we do during SALT?** While we cannot give you all the details, generally you can expect some backpacking, group challenges involving problem solving, study of scripture, physical exercise, instruction in how to lead a group devotional and how to give a testimony, maintenance and cleaning around camp, times of reflection, leadership exercises, and training in how to be a camp counselor. Expect to be challenged and to grow while having a memorable and fun experience.
- **How do you apply?** You can find the application by going to the camp website and clicking on Staff Applications on the right hand side. Then click the link to Apply for SALT.
- **When is the application deadline?** April 1
- **Where will we sleep?** You will be sleeping in a tent (one person per tent) or hammock as you learn about outdoor camping.
- **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 West Virginia social distancing guidelines. Receiving the COVID vaccine does not eliminate the need to wear a mask.
- **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.

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- **What if someone gets sick?** If someone gets sick or has COVID symptoms, the result is that person must immediately go home, and we may have to shut down the SALT program. We don't want this to happen! The self-quarantine before camp is our best fight against stopping COVID from entering camp property.
- **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.

## Girls' Junior Staff Frequently Asked Questions

- **When is Training?** Training A: April 9-10 (On Zoom), Training B: May 21-23 (At Camp), Training C: June 18-20 (At Loco's Parent's house Sykesville, MD)
- **What camp programs are happening this summer?** West Virginia COVID restrictions are still in place. We will offer four half week sessions of family camp. A family will rent out a cabin and do activities around camp. There will only be five junior staffers to help with this. Additionally, we are offering Camp in a Day where a car load of people come to camp, hike to the Rock Gardens, do some activities at camp, swim in the pool, and go home all in the same day. We will also be having two LACE groups. Current COVID restrictions will not allow us to have the normal summer programs. This summer will be different, but better than no summer programs. *You can apply to be a Junior Staff or LACE Leader. We are not having a PD or APD this year.*
- **What will we do in Training A, B & C?** Training A will talk about the specific camp this summer. We will dive into some basics of leading at camp. Training B we will be

spending lots of time going over cleaning/maintenance and rotation. Training C will be preparing skits, songs, and more...

- **What will we do the rest of the summer?** Unlike a normal summer where you would come to Week A, B or DAD, we can only have five junior staffers per week. Some of you will be able to serve a week on staff and some of you will only go through training.
- **What are we training to do if we are not holding the typical summer camp season?** You are being trained to be Christian leaders in a world that desperately needs you. You will learn skills that you will be able to apply in your personal walk with God and in leadership opportunities you will have in your school and church. Some junior staffers will lead campers this summer in Family Camp and Camp in a Day activities. We are hoping and praying that some of you will return to be the camp's more experienced staff for a normal summer 2022.
- **Is there an application process?** You must apply by April 1. The staff application is on the camp website on the right hand side. There will also be an interview.
- **When do I have to decide by?** Applications need to be in by April 1st.
- **What about when we are at camp, will we wear 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 have to follow West Virginia social distancing guidelines. We will still have plenty of fun with each other. Receiving the COVID vaccine does not eliminate the need to wear a mask.
- **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.
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- **What if someone gets sick?** If someone gets sick or has COVID symptoms, the result is that person must immediately go home, and we will probably have to shut down the

rest of 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 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.
- **Where will we sleep?** You will be sleeping in the regular cabins in smaller squad groups. Why not Werth Hall? We need to spread people out more.

## LACE Frequently Asked Questions

- **When does registration open?** March 1
- **What is LACE?** Girls finishing 8th & 9th grade can participate in L.A.C.E. (Leadership and Camping Experience) this year. The unique program focuses on becoming a woman of God through Bible study, service projects, team building, and a more challenging level of traditional camp activities. L.A.C.E. is required for those seeking to become a junior counselor the following year.
- **When is LACE?** LACE is two weeks from July 25 to August 7.
- **What will we do during LACE?** LACE will do the regular camp activities along with adventure activities. The group will spend time learning to problem solve, work together, and be a servant leader. The girls will spend time learning and cultivating a heart after God. Without giving away too many details, this will be 2 weeks of fun, challenges, growth and adventures.
- **Where will we sleep?** You will be sleeping most nights in a cabin or in Werth Hall. However, be prepared for some overnight adventures and camping.
- **How do you register?** You will register from the camp website. Registrations open March 1. We can only have 20 girls in this program. Register as soon as you can.
- **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 West Virginia social distancing guidelines. Receiving the COVID vaccine does not eliminate the need to wear a mask.

- **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.
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- **What if someone gets sick?** If someone gets sick or has COVID symptoms, the result is that person must immediately go home, and we may have to shut down the rest of LACE. We don't want this to happen! The self-quarantine before camp is our best fight against stopping COVID from entering camp property.
- **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.