

How Camp Arrah Wanna addresses Health & Safety (Including COVID-19)

Thank you SO much for considering Camp Arrah Wanna as the place to send your camper for Camp! We know you might have lots of questions about how we are handling the ever-changing guidelines about health and safety, and specifically the COVID-19 guidelines. This information is meant to give you a helpful overview.

We know kids are sick of wearing masks, and we also know how important it is to follow the safety guidelines enforced by the CDC and the state of Oregon. Camp Arrah Wanna is committed to finding a healthy balance between these expectations, while also upholding our professional responsibilities and mission.

CAW is committed to safety:

One of our most important goals is to keep ALL campers, volunteers, staff, and families safe while at Camp, in all ways, including preventing the spread of COVID-19. Because of that commitment, we always follow CDC, State, and County laws/rules in our programming, food service, and activities.

In addition, we are also taking all possible measures to follow current guidelines for overnight camp programs in regards to COVID-19.

If/when the expectations change between now and when your camper arrives at camp, we will update our protocol as necessary.

CAW is committed to accessibility & inclusion:

We ALSO want to make sure Camp is accessible to ANYONE who wants to come, so here are a few things you should know:

1. We are NOT requiring staff, volunteers, or campers to be vaccinated. Vaccination is a personal choice only you can make for you and your family. We respect your choice either way.
2. The only reason we ask about vaccinations on the Registration Form is because that is important health history information that medical personnel may need to know if there happens to be an emergency.
3. CAW will NOT be sharing personal information (including vaccination status) with ANY unauthorized personnel
4. Inclusion & non-discrimination is important to CAW. Therefore, we will NOT be separating, sorting, instructing, or treating campers, volunteers, or staff differently based on their vaccination status. Example: In situations where masks are required for some, then we will ALL be wearing masks.
5. We are working very hard to provide a safe environment so that you and your campers are physically, emotionally, spiritually, and experientially cared for. BUT - we also know that everyone has different opinions about what exactly that looks like. If you are feeling uneasy about joining us in person, please trust that instinct and pray about whether coming to CAW this summer is the best choice for you. We respect your decision and look forward to seeing you in the future.

Some specific actions we will be taking:

A. Because health and safety is so important to CAW, we will NOT be holding camp if the following volunteers/personnel are not in place:

(2) Medical Professionals: to perform daily wellness checks in addition to managing regular camper health and medication needs

(1) Wellness Counselor: available to help campers navigate emotional and mental-health needs

(2) Adult Cabin Counselors for EACH cabin/group of 8 campers

- B. Check-In and Check-Out of campers will look very different than in the past. Families & campers will be asked to STAY IN THEIR VEHICLES until they can be checked in / checked out privately with the CAW medical personnel. More specific instructions about this will be emailed before camp.
- C. If necessary, campers will be divided into cohorts of no more than 30 campers + necessary adult leadership. They will be sharing meals in their cohorts, using designated restroom facilities, and participating in activities as cohorts.
- D. Mask-wearing: masks are NOT required to be worn by campers while they are outside and with their stable cohort. Most indoor activities may require a mask to be worn, but these expectations will be clearly announced and will need to be followed by ALL campers, volunteers, and staff (whether they have received the COVID-19 vaccine or not).
- E. Rule of Four: our goal is to have campers comply with at least 2 out of these 4 safety protocols at all times
1. Be outdoors
 2. Wear a mask
 3. Be 6 feet away from others
 4. Be in the same cohort

Reminder: We want everyone to have this fun and formative experience, but please only come to CAW if you are truly comfortable participating in activities with others who may have different views than you regarding COVID-19, faith, family, lifestyle, and personal choices in general. Camp Arrah Wanna's mission is to "provide a beautiful, safe, and peaceful place where people can experience the transforming power of God's love through positive relationships and activities," and in order to do that, we believe it's important to focus on the things we all have in common rather than what pulls us apart.

Again, we appreciate your willingness to entrust your camper with us! Please reach out to Corey Hughes, our Program & Promotions Director, if you have any further questions or concerns:

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