

2022 ERDC Covid Related Procedures & Cancellation Policies

For the last 2 summers, ERDC has operated successfully with various Covid 19 related protocols in place. For 2022, we anticipate a return to our traditional camp program & activities. This includes the return of our favorite indoor activities & electives! Increased hand washing, frequent cleaning and social distancing when possible are the new normal and will continue to be a part of our program for years to come. Any other Covid related changes are more likely to be “behind the scenes” and unnoticeable to the campers.

Of course, if the State of CT issues any Covid related mandates for 2022, we will implement them. Requirements for mask wearing indoors and on busses are unknown at this time. Vaccination of campers is recommended by the CDC but not currently required by the state or camp. We will provide families with an update in late Spring.

The administration reserves the right to implement changes to the schedule, camp procedures and/or programming, with or without notice, if deemed necessary for the safety of campers and staff.

Sick Policy

Campers who are experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, fever of 100 or more, chills, diarrhea, vomiting, sore throat, unexplained muscle pains or a new loss of taste or smell cannot attend camp. The camper’s physician should be contacted for further guidance and advice. If symptoms remain mild, Covid19 is not suspected and symptoms last less than 48 hours, the camper can return to camp 24 hours after the last symptom resolves without the use of medication. If symptoms last for more than 48 hours, the camper will need a doctor’s note to return to camp. If Covid 19 is suspected, the pediatrician will provide you will receive further details about how to proceed. If your pediatrician indicates that there is a strong suspicion that your camper has Covid 19, you must contact camp immediately.

If a camper becomes ill and misses more than 3 consecutive days of camp a credit will be applied to your account starting with the fourth day. Credits can be applied to a future week in 2022 or refunded at the end of the summer.

What if a camper or staff member becomes infected with Covid 19?

In February 2020, COVID-19 was added to the List of Reportable Diseases. We must report cases of COVID-19 infection immediately to the Connecticut Department of Public Health and to the local department of health in the town of residence of the case-patient by telephone on the day of recognition or strong suspicion of the disease. At that time we would work directly with the Department of Public Health to determine if any other campers or staff meet the guidelines for being considered a close contact. Any camper or staff member determined to have been in close contact with an infected person during that time frame may be required to stay home from camp for up to 14 days, at the discretion of the Health Department. Vaccinated campers and staff will most likely be exempt from prolonged quarantine. A credit for days missed due to quarantine will be applied to your account and can be used later this summer or refunded at the end of the summer.

What if a camper or staff member is exposed to Covid 19 outside of camp?

If a camper or staff member is determined to be a close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid 19, they may be required to quarantine for up to 14 days, at the discretion of the Health Department. If a camper’s immediate family member has a confirmed or highly probable case of Covid 19, the camper may be required to quarantine. Days missed due to a required quarantine will be credited if we are provided a note from the health department stating the required quarantine dates. Credits can be applied to future weeks or refunded at the end of the summer. If a parent knowingly sends their child to camp when they have been advised to quarantine, that camper and their siblings will not be allowed to return to camp for the rest of the summer and there will be no refund of tuition.

Change of Weeks, Cancellations, Refunds and Payments

If you wish to change, drop or add weeks, you may do so by contacting the camp office, as long as space is available. Please read the cancellation policy for deadlines to change or drop weeks without penalty. All changes and cancellations must be requested in writing.

Adding Sessions: You may call or email the camp office to add sessions if space is available. For extensions after June 1,

payment is due immediately, in full by cash, cashier's check, money order or credit card.

Changing Sessions: You may call or email the camp office to change sessions if space is available. There is no penalty for changing sessions as long as notification is made in writing by June 1st. If notification made after June 1st, a processing fee of \$50 per week will be charged for each week that is changed.

Partial Cancellation: If you need to cancel some, but not all, of your camper's enrollment, you may do so with no penalty if the camp is informed in writing by June 1st. If the camp is notified after June 1st, but no later than 2 weeks prior to the week being cancelled, you will incur a cancellation fee of \$100 per week. If a week is cancelled with less than 2 weeks notice, a cancellation fee of \$250 per week will be charged. Failure to attend a week of camp without any advance written notice will result in 100% forfeiture of that week's tuition.

Full Cancellation: If you wish to cancel your camper's enrollment, we must receive written confirmation from you before it can be processed. \$50 per week of each camper's deposit is non-refundable. Remaining deposit will be refunded if cancellation occurs on or before April 30, 2022. Starting May 1, 2022, the entire deposit is non-refundable. Non-arrival of camper(s) on opening day of any session without prior notification of at least two weeks will result in a 100% forfeiture of tuition.

Refunds: If you are entitled to a refund under the cancellation policy listed above, please note that refunds will be made at the end of the summer, no later than September 30, 2022, except in the case of financial hardship on the camper's family.