

\*as of February 7, 2022

# How is WCC preparing for camp during COVID-19?

WCC is thoughtfully working on a COVID-19 Prevention Plan to mitigate the risk of Covid-19 spread at Camp using the most up to date recommendations issued by the State of Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC.

As you can imagine, the scope and scale of implementing these procedures and guidelines takes many hours to craft and complete. WCC is committed to having our Prevention Plan for summer 2022 completed by May 1, 2022.

# Procedures, guidelines, and mandates are continuously changing. However, it is important to share that for Summer Camp 2022:

- WCC requires all eligible Camp Staff and Work Crew members be fully vaccinated and provide proof
  of Covid vaccination.
- We highly recommend all eligible campers be fully vaccinated prior to arrival at camp. Campers will be required to provide either a proof of vaccination or negative PCR test results no more than 48 hours prior to arrival at camp check-in.
- During the two weeks leading up to your camper's session start date, please do not take any excessive risks. Please avoid large gatherings such as neighborhood BBQs, non-essential travel, and weddings. Also, please self-monitor your camper's health, paying attention to fever, cough, and other Covid-19 symptoms.

With these assumed procedures framing how our camp operation will run, we wanted to provide as current a FAQ as we can.



# HIGH SCHOOL (entering grades 10th -12th Fall 2022 and recent 2022 graduates)

Session 1: Saturday, June 25 - Thursday, June 30 Session 2: Friday, July 15 - Wednesday, July 20

Session Fee: \$595 per camper

# MIDDLE SCHOOL (entering grades 7th-9th Fall 2022)

Session 1: Saturday, June 18 - Thursday, June 23 Session 2: Tuesday, July 5 - Sunday, July 10

Session Fee: \$595 per camper

# CHILDREN (entering grades 3rd-6th in Fall 2022)

Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14 Session fee: \$460 per camper

#### **ALL CHURCH CAMP**

Thursday, July 21 - Sunday, July 24

Cost: \$175 per adult, \$125 per student (up to age 17), and a max of \$600 per family. Kids ages 3 and under are free. This session is capped at 50 people.

#### **Scholarships are Available**

Scholarships are available for Campers, Work Crew, and those attending All Church Camp. Please contact us at camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org for scholarship information.

#### How many campers in each session?

Traditionally, we have served between 500-600 campers and staff each summer. For summer 2022, our cabin/building capacity limit will safely allow us to accommodate for 64 campers per session. All Church Camp will accomodate 50 campers.

# How long are summer camp sessions?

Summer camp session lengths vary by age group and will be shorter than previous summers.

- High School sessions are 6 days
- Middle School sessions are 6 days
- Children's session is 4 days
- All Church Camp is 4 days



Vaccinations are required of all Work Crew participants.

There will be 3 sessions of Work Crew this summer:

- Work Crew #1 (for graduated Seniors only): June 18th June 30th Session fee: \$225 per Work Crew participant
- Work Crew #2: July 5th July 14th
  - Session fee: \$225 per Work Crew participant
- Work Crew #3: July 15th 20th

Session fee: \$125 per Work Crew participant

Work Crew sessions will be held at a limited capacity of 12 per session. Work Crew campers will be required to go home during their session's mid-break.

Register for Work Crew on Campsite.

# What is the camper registration process?

#### **REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

- Registration starts on Wednesday, February 9th at 12:00 p.m. for ALL CAMPERS
- WCC Summer Camp has strict limitations to 64 campers per session.
- Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.
- There will be a \$100 non-refundable deposit for campers.
- Our Work Crew program will have a non-refundable deposit of \$100.

#### PRE-REGISTRATION PROCESS

You can make the registration process a bit easier by pre-registering your camper starting now.

#### **RETURNING CAMPERS**

Before Registration begins on February 9th, follow these steps:

- 1.) Return to your CampSite account and login (bookmark this site and save password for ease of registration: https://wccregistration.campmanagement.com/campers)
- 2.) Using the toolbar at the top of the page click on the word "Forms" Complete all medical and standard forms for each camper (this will eliminate this step during registration)
- 3.) Update/Add payment methods by clicking on the word "Financial" at the top of the screen
- 4.) Update any changed information in your account for you or your camper(s) by going to "My Account"

#### **NEW CAMPERS**

# Before Registration begins on February 9th, follow these steps:

- Create CampSite account by following this link: https://wccregistration.campmanagement.com/ enroll
- 2.) Enter all of your information to create an account
- 3.) Upon completion, you will receive an email to the account listed with your login information and temporary password
- 4.) Follow the link provided to enter your CampSite Account (bookmark this site and save password for ease of registration) https://wccregistration.campmanagement.com/campers
- 5.) Using the toolbar at the top of the page click on the word "Forms"
- 6.) Complete all medical and standard forms for each camper (this will eliminate this step during registration)
- 7.) Update/Add payment methods by clicking on the word "Financial" at the top of the screen
- 8.) Lastly, update any changed information in your account for your camper(s) by going to "My Account"

# What is the Work Crew registration process?

# Space is limited for our Work Crew program.

- Work Crew is available for High School campers who have completed grades 9th 12th.
- Register for Work Crew on Campsite.

# Does camp have a waitlist?

For summer 2022, a waitlist WILL be implemented.

Our camp registration management system, Campsite, will put each camper on a waitlist as sessions begin to fill. Families will not be charged if you are placed on a waitlist. We will contact you if and/or when you are selected from the waitlist to confirm your placement.

# Once you register for camp, can you change the session you've registered for?

Yes, if there are spots available.

# Can students request a roommate?

Yes! On your registration materials, you will be able to make a cabinmate request.

We are limited to (1) per camper. We will make every effort to make sure your request is honored.

# What is the last day to register or sign up?

We can take registrations up to May 1st for sessions with any remaining spots.

# What is the camp's cancellation & refund policy?

- If your camper has to cancel they will lose their non-refundable deposit of \$100.
- If state/federal guidelines force WCC to cancel any or all summer camp sessions, WCC will refund all costs with the exception of the \$100 non-refundable deposit.
- For Work Crew: If your camper has to cancel they will lose their non-refundable deposit of \$100

# What does summer camp 2022 cost?

- High School Session: \$595
- Middle School Session: \$595
- Children's Session: \$460
- Work Crew: Session #1 & #2: \$225; Session #3: \$125.
- All Church Camp: \$175 per adult, \$125 per student (up to age 17), and a max of \$600 per family. Children ages 3 and under are free.

# **Paying for Camp**

# Payment schedule for summer 2022

Families will have the following options for camper payment installments:

- Pay in full on or before May 1st, 2022.
- Two payment plan (Equal payments on March 15th & May 1st)
- Three payment plan (Equal payments on March 15th, April 15th, & May 1st)
- All credit cards set on installments will be charged automatically.

REFUNDS will be issued after May 1st with the exception of the \$100 per camper non-refundable deposit.

# Does the camp offer financial aid or scholarships?

Financial challenges will never be an obstacle for campers to attend camp. Wayzata Community Church is pleased to offer scholarships to individuals in need of financial assistance. Please contact us at camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org for scholarship information.

# Is there a sibling discount?

Additional siblings get a \$50 discount.

# Can camp make an age exception?

Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact us at camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org to discuss specific age exceptions.



#### **Cabins**

All cabins at Chi Rho are equipped to be fully ventilated and in full compliance with the ACA's COVID-19 safety recommendations. Each 'Cabin Cohort/Pod' will have their own private cabin that includes their own bathroom. No other 'Cabin Cohort/Pod' will be allowed to access other cabins.

#### What are the student to staff ratios?

There is generally 1 leader to every 5 campers.

# What do the pick-up and drop-off processes look like?

WCC provides bus services to and from camp.

# Can kids call home when they want?

Phones are not a part of the Camp experience. We do understand that some students may experience extreme homesickness or a unique family circumstance that may result in a camper needing to contact home. Each such situation will be addressed on an individual basis.

# Can and should students bring their phones to camp? Will they get in trouble if they use them?

To keep camp as "sacred space," it is important that cell phones are eliminated as a distraction. This policy insures the experience of each individual camper, as well as the group community that is formed. Thank you for supporting us in this effort!

Please remember that phones are available and used by the Camp Director, in cases of emergency or necessary contact from parents at home. If campers mistakenly bring phones they will be kept by the Camp Director until the session is ended.

#### What other expenses are involved?

Students can buy snacks and camp merchandise at the camp store. You can add money to your kids' camp card so they don't have to bring any cash.

# What should your son or daughter bring with them to camp?

WCC will send out a recommended packing list in late spring.

#### Is the camp director available by phone at all times?

Yes. They may be working on important projects, programs, or communications, but they will return your call within the same day.

# What if your child is sick for a day?

As a part of our COVID-19 prevention plan, there will be specific policies and procedures related directly to the containment and spread of COVID-19. This plan will be made readily available by May 1, 2022. Each camp session includes onsite nursing care. Your camper's safety is paramount and our nursing staff will work with the Minnesota Department of Health to ensure our procedures and protocols are current and up to date.

Our staff will do everything in their power to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19. We also ask families to also understand that even with extreme preventable measures being implemented, campers may still come into contact with COVID-19 at camp. All camper guardians will be required to sign a liability waiver upon registration.

While our COVID-19 prevention plan is being updated with the latest information from the ACA, it is safe to assume that if a camper becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms:

- That camper will be quarantined in a location previously identified as part of camp's communicable disease plan.
- That camper will be cared for by our medical professional following CDC guidance.
- Close off areas used by a sick camper and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting.
- Camper's parents will be notified, and the parent/guardian will be asked to pick up their camper within 24 hours.

# **CAMP SUPERVISION**

# What is the camp hiring process like?

We have an extensive application all potential staff are required to complete. Top candidates are interviewed by a committee consisting of WCC staff, Camp Staff, and adult lay leaders from Wayzata Community Church.

# What kind of background checks are performed before staff is hired?

One of your top priorities, and the priority of any good summer camp, is to ensure the safety of your child. We do a full criminal background check on all staff prior to hiring.

#### How is the staff trained?

We have an intensive and comprehensive staff training process. The culmination of this process is a week long training prior to camp starting each year. Staff are trained for their individual positions as well as an overarching staff training that encompasses safety, programming, counseling, student readiness, human resource training, and much more.

#### **CAMP EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

# What is the camp's emergency response process?

There are clear emergency action plans on file for how we deal with severe weather & other emergencies. Staff are trained in these procedures and we teach the campers these plans as they start each camp week. Our severe weather shelter area has (5) large separated & concreted rooms that will be able to accommodate every camper and staff member. All emergency plans will adhere to our Prevention Plan.

#### **MEALS & SNACKS**

# Is food brought in or prepared on site?

All food is prepared on site.

# Are eating facilities sanitary?

Being a professional kitchen all facilities are inspected by the health inspector and receive top ratings for a commercial kitchen. Policies and procedures are in place to ensure maximum safety in the dining facilities.

#### Are meals balanced?

We pride ourselves in making sure we maintain a well balanced and nutritious diet for our campers, while still offering them food that they will enjoy eating. We take food allergies and dietary restrictions very seriously. We accommodate vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free diets. Any and all dietary requests should be made upon registration. \*Camp is fully nut-free.

# Are meals included in the cost of camp?

Yes all meals are included in the cost of camp.

# How does the camp handle food allergies and medication?

Our camp staff is trained to handle all food allergies and medications. It is VERY important that you note all allergies and medications on your campers' enrollment packet. This is in the interest of our number one goal: Safety. We are a nut free camp - no exceptions made. Each camp session includes onsite nursing care.

## **Care Packages**

For the safety of all campers, and in accordance with our safety protocols and allergy concerns, we do not allow campers to receive "Care Packages".



# Why was the camp started in the first place?

Church Camps come in all shapes and sizes. We longed for a camp that didn't teach students things they would have to unlearn. A camp that would focus on affirming campers. A camp that daily communicated that God loves the camper and wants them to love others — creating 'peak moments' that would connect campers to their faith for their life to come.

# What makes the camp different?

Our camp focuses on 5 key goals.

- **SAFETY**—first and foremost, everyone at camp is kept physically, emotionally, and spiritually SAFE. From this foundation grows all our other goals.
- FUN—the best way to show a student that you care about them is to help them have good, clean fun and lots of it. Fun builds trust, breaks down barriers, and removes masks. Fun also keeps them coming back for more allowing us to build relationships.
- MESSAGE—this is the "WHY" of Summer Camp. We will share an honest and compelling picture of God's love as we experience it through Jesus Christ. The Gospel should be the best news we ever hear in life, and be full of joy.
- **AFFIRMATION**—we love every student, just as they are. Period. This is not a means to another end, this is an end in and of itself. Campers will know that they were genuinely and wholeheartedly loved with no strings attached.
- COMMUNITY—one outcome of accomplishing the first four goals is a profound experience of Community. These are friends and camp counselors on whom they can count, long after everyone returns home.

Using and living these five goals this summer, your child will have a week they will never forget, full of peak moments.