



SUMMER CAMP 2021 FAQ

*as of February 1st, 2021

How is WCC preparing for camp during COVID-19

WCC is thoughtfully working on a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for summer 2021 that includes the most recent information provided by the Minnesota Department of Health. As of the end of January, the ACA (American Camp Association) has provided up to date procedures and guidelines for camps across the country. This new influx of information, research, and data will be implemented into WCC's Preparedness Plan for summer 2021.

As you can imagine, the scope and scale of implementing these brand new procedures and guidelines takes many hours to craft and complete. WCC is committed to having our Preparedness Plan for summer 2021 completed by March 8th, 2021.

Procedures, guidelines, and mandates are continuously changing. However, it is important to share that summer camp 2021 will have:

- Reduced capacity camp sessions
- Cabin Cohort/Pods' policies
- Mandatory masks & social distancing policies
- Safe transportation options to and from camp (including pickup & dropoff directly at the camp property)
- A plan to access healthcare and COVID-19 testing
- Altered Camp Activities
- Daily Health Screenings

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

CAMP SCHEDULE & SESSIONS



WCC 2021 Summer Camp Sessions

HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, June 11 - Wednesday, June 16

Tuesday, July 6 - Sunday, July 11

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 23 - Sunday, June 27

Tuesday, July 13 - Saturday, July 17

CHILDREN'S

Friday, June 18 - Monday, June 21

Tuesday, June 29 - Friday, July 2

How many campers in each session?

Traditionally, we have served between 500-600 campers and staff each summer. For summer 2021, our cabin/building capacity limit will only safely allow us to accommodate for **42 campers per session**.

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 5 days
- Children's sessions are 3 days
- There will not be an All Church Camp.

2021 Work Crew Sessions

There will be 3 sessions of Work Crew this summer:

- Work Crew #1: June 11th - June 21st (mid-break 16th - 18th)
- Work Crew #2: June 23rd - July 2nd (mid-break 27th - 29th)
- Work Crew #3: July 6th - 17th (mid-break 11th - 13th)

Work Crew sessions will be held at a limited capacity of 8 per session. Work Crew campers will be required to go home during their session's mid-break.

CAMP REGISTRATION 2021



What is the camper registration process?

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Registration starts on Tuesday, March 2nd at 1:00 p.m. for **WCC Members Only**.
- Registration for community members and friends will start on Saturday, March 6th at 1:00 p.m.
- We recognize this change to our registration process may make registration decisions difficult for many families. This new registration process has been in response to the COVID-19 capacity restrictions.
- WCC Summer Camp has strict limitations to **42 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 \$75**.

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 March 2nd (WCC Members only) or March 6th (all other community members and friends) – 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 March 2nd (WCC Members only) or March 6th (all other community members and friends) – Follow these steps:

- 1.) 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?

For summer 2021, our space is very limited for our Work Crew program.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Work Crew is available only for High School campers who have completed grades 10th-12th.
- Registration for Work Crew will give graduated seniors (June 2021) priority in registration, followed by graduated juniors, followed by graduated sophomores.
- Due to our limited session capacity, Work Crew summer 2021 will not include a 'seniors only' session.
- Work Crew Graduated Senior registration starts on Tuesday, March 2nd at 1:00pm for WCC Members Only.
- Work Crew Graduated Junior registration starts on Thursday, March 4th at 1:00pm for WCC Members Only.
- Work Crew Graduated Sophomore registration starts on Saturday, March 6th at 1:00pm for WCC Members Only.

* If there is availability left in any work crew sessions, registration will be open to community members and friends on March 8th.

* There is a possibility that all sessions will be filled before graduated Juniors or Sophomores can register. We recognize this change to our registration process may be difficult for many families. However, for those seniors who will not have this opportunity next year, we must allow them to have the opportunity this year.

Does camp have a waitlist?

Traditionally Wayzata Community Church Summer Camp has not had a waitlist. For summer 2021, 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.

NEW THIS YEAR: we are limited to (1) per camper. We will make every effort to make sure your request is honored, however, summer 2021 capacity may limit our ability to do so.

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 \$75

What does summer camp 2021 cost?

- High School Session: \$589
- Middle School Session: \$530
- Children's Session: \$455
- Work Crew: \$125, \$75 if registered in a camp session.

Paying for Camp

Payment schedule for summer 2021

Families will have the following options for camper payment installments:

- Pay in full on or before May 1st, 2021.
- 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.

***NO REFUNDS** will be issued after May 1st unless state/federal guidelines force WCC to cancel any or all summer camp sessions. **With the exception of the \$100 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 discount for referring friends?

For Summer 2021, there will not be a discount for referring friends.

Is there a sibling discount?

Siblings get a \$50 discount per family member.

Do you accept outside grants or scholarships?

Yes, we allow you to secure and use funding from a third-party organization to pay for camp. You'll need a letter of intent to pay from the organization that is supporting your student. Please contact us at camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org with questions.

Can camp make an age exception?

- High School sessions are for campers who have completed 8th -12th grades (This includes graduated seniors).
- Middle School sessions are for campers who have completed 5th -7th grades.
- Children's Camp sessions are for campers who have completed 2nd - 4th grades.
- For Summer 2021, Work Crew is available for High School campers who have completed grades 10th-12th.

CAMP OPERATIONS



Where is camp physically held?

We will be at Chi Rho Center in Annandale MN, on Lake Sylvia.

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 6 campers. For Summer 2021, there will be 1 leader to every 4 campers.

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

We are evaluating all options for safe transportation to and from camp (including pickup & dropoff directly at the camp property). Bus services to and from camp may still be available.

Can kids call home when they want?

No, 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. For summer 2021, our camp store will look different and adhere to COVID-19 safety procedures.

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

For Summer 2021, WCC will send out a recommended packing list in the 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 preparedness 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 March 8th, 2021. Summer 2021 will still include onsite nursing care. Your camper's safety is paramount and our nursing staff will work with the Minnesota Department of Health to insure 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 preparedness 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.
- If necessary, transport the sick camper to a healthcare facility, depending on how severe their symptoms are.
- Close off areas used by a sick camper and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting.
- "Contact Tracing" will be carried out immediately to determine the potential or confirmed cases' contacts with other campers or staff members over the previous two or more days.
- Regular contact will be made throughout this process with the sick camper's parents/guardians.

Staff time-off policies?

Previously, summer camp staff would be able to go off-premises during their time off and, when allowed, between sessions. Changes have been made to those policies to help minimize exposure risk.

Our counselors are the lifeblood of our camp programming. Providing rest and rejuvenation for our counselors is imperative for a successful summer. Not only does our session schedule for summer 2021 provide a full day off in-between sessions for a thorough deep clean of the camp property, but it also gives our staff time to rest and recharge.

However, this time off for staff will be used safely and responsibly and will be in conjunction with the WCC COVID-19 preparedness plan.

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 and follow up with personal and professional references of every staff person.

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. For Summer 2021, our severe weather shelter area has (5) large separated & concreted rooms that will be able to accommodate every camper and staff member - while also giving plenty of space to maintain our social distancing protocols.

All emergencies plans will adhere to our Preparedness Plan - accounting for all social distancing policies.

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. For Summer 2021, policies and procedures are being put 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.

REMINDERS



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...A camp that created '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 pique moments.