

Dickson Valley Camp & Retreat Center
Re-Opening Plan in support of the healing process for kids this summer
Based on Restore Illinois Phase 3 opportunities
Day-Camp June 2020

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After months of uncertainty, Dickson Valley is pleased to release a plan to **DoCamp** starting Monday, June 8th. This plan is put together with guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Kendall County Health Department, the CDC, and experts from within the Christian camping community. Because we are actively striving to improve our policies, procedures, and communications, this document is considered an active document being regularly updated.

Guiding Values

God's Glory. We are primarily concerned that we bring honor and glory to Christ Jesus and conduct ourselves as His disciples. To that end, we want to do what is best for the progress of the gospel and for the good of this community which we love.

Health. We are motivated by health considerations. We know that we cannot ever provide a thoroughly and completely virus-free zone but using the best resources available to date we proceed cautiously with policies and procedures to minimize the potential for transmission between individuals.

Program

The leadership of Dickson Valley is inspired by a concern for kids' healing process this summer coming out of an unsettling Spring. We feel there is no better time to demonstrate Christ's love and relate His steadfastness in light of their experience. Christian camps are uniquely positioned to use the outdoor setting, exciting programming, and well-trained staff to help safely re-engage social interaction.

Programmatic Procedures

Staffing

- Staff have voluntarily quarantined for two-weeks prior to camper arrival
- Staff have submitted health screening questionnaire prior to arrival at camp

Training

- Sanitation (activities, equipment, handwashing, etc.)
- Social Distancing between Family Groups
- Family Group (10 campers) focused activities, mealtimes, rally time, etc.
- Camper arrival (check in/out, screening, social distancing)

Campers

- Pre-camp health screening provided by parents.
- Each day upon arrival the family representative will take part in a health screening and each camper will have their temperature taken.
- Campers will be asked to bring masks to camp (bandanas will be provided) when social distancing is difficult.

Program Adjustments

- Based on the restrictions produced by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, there will be no swimming during Phase III at camp. However, the health and safety of our campers requires keeping them cooled down and water is our best method. Therefore, we have planned a bunch of fun, daily activities that get our campers wet and cooled down.
- Family Group size will be 10 participants and 2 staff, maintaining appropriate physical distancing. Each Family Group will remain static throughout the week to limit the co-mingling of participants.
- No large group gatherings (all activities will take place at the Family Group size)
- Activities and equipment will be cleaned before/after every use
- The camp will be limiting access to camp to essential personnel only. Deliveries will be limited, and visitors will only be allowed as necessary.

Foodservice

- We will be moving to cafeteria style serving with impermeable partitions for entrées, and campers will not touch any serving utensils.
- Grab'n'go sides, condiments, and rolled silverware will be provided.
- We have doubled the seating space for each family group and have spaced each groups seating area beyond the recommended separations.
- Single use and touch-less drink stations are provided.
- Staff will sanitize all surfaces before and after all meals.
- Foodservice staff will wear masks and gloves when handling all "ready to eat" foods, preparing sides, and serving plates.

Cleaning Procedures

- All cleaning/disinfecting will aim to be in line with CDC recommendations for best practice.
- All disinfecting agents used will be in accordance with the CDC List N: Products with Emerging Viral Pathogens and Human Coronavirus claims for use against SARS-CoV-2 – Date Accessed: 5/19/2020 <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- In programming activities and the use of equipment we will implement practices to reduce the risk of potential exposure, ie. social distancing, no touch dispensers, propping doors in high traffic areas, no touch water dispenser, designated equipment and meeting areas per family group.
- Frequent hand washing areas between each activity time will be available and promoted.

Bathrooms

- Common use bathrooms and porta potties for campers will be fully cleaned and disinfected each day.
- All frequently touched surfaces in bathrooms and porta potties used by campers will be disinfected in between each family group use. (Sink handles, door handles, soap dispensers, toilets)
- Staff use bathrooms will be cleaned daily, to promote healthy living amongst our onsite staff.

Activity Areas

- All frequently touched objects or equipment will be cleaned and disinfected between family groups use. This includes laser taggers, bows, slingshots, indoor balls, climbing wall holds and equipment, BB guns, obstacle course, boats and paddles, picnic tables, railings, hand washing stations, changing stations, blizzard slopes tube handles and railings, and the camp store area.
- Each day all outdoor areas used by a single family group will be cleaned, This includes lunch picnic tables, day camp pavilion, lake pavilion tables.

Cleaning reminders from the CDC

- Normal routine cleaning with soap and water removes germs and dirt from the surfaces. It lowers the risk of spreading Covid-19 infection.
- Disinfectant kills germs on surfaces. By killing germs on a surface after cleaning, you can further lower the risk of spreading the infection.
- Coronaviruses on surfaces and objects die within hours to days. Warmer temperatures and exposure to sunlight will reduce the time the virus survives on surfaces and objects.
- Outdoor areas generally require normal routine cleaning and not disinfection

Our Response to Infection

- If a camper has been found to have contracted COVID-19 they should remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset and can be released after feverless and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 72 hours OR has 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart
- If a staff member exhibit COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at camp they will be immediately isolated. If symptoms do not subside, they will only be able to return to work after two negative tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart.
- If a camper or staff has been found to have contacted COVID-19, Dickson Valley staff will notify the families who have been a part of that person's family group and contact the Kendall County Health Department for assistance with next steps.

FAQs

Will my camper get to swim at Day Camp?

Campers will not have free-swim at camp **during Phase III**. However, campers will have at least one cool-off activity every day, which will include: water slide, water kick ball, water relays, ski carousel, and a much wetter blizzard slopes. These activities will allow us to keep cool and maintain healthy distancing within our family groups.

Will my camper be provided with a lunch at Day Camp?

We provide a wonderful lunch each day to our day campers.

Is there bus transportation for Day Camp?

No, we are not able to provide bus transportation to Day Camp during the summer of 2020.