



**Primitive Pursuits Parent Handbook
COVID-19**

Physical Distancing

By sending your child to Primitive Pursuits, you attest that your household is abiding by social distancing guidelines until such time as it is no longer deemed necessary by the Tompkins County Health Department. All members of your household:

1. Stay at least 6 feet apart from people outside of your household or close family.
2. Avoid groups, crowded places, and mass gatherings.
3. Wear a face mask when in public places shared by the public.

Let our office know of if anyone in your household may have been exposed to COVID-19. Please contact our Registrar (before camp) or a Camp Director (while attending camp) if you are unsure how these guidelines may apply in your specific situation.

Camper Illness Policy

Protecting the health of our families is our highest priority. We have modified our camper illness policy in response to new Health Department guidelines. If your camper has any of the following symptoms associated with COVID-19, not otherwise explained (for example, by allergies, a recent physical injury, etc), then they may be excluded from camp at the discretion of our Health Screener and/or Camp Director. If so, please contact your camper's pediatrician for guidance regarding testing and isolation.

1. Fever of 100F or above
2. Persistent Cough
3. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
4. Chills
5. Repeated shaking with chills
6. Muscle pain
7. Headache
8. Sore throat
9. Newly acquired loss of taste or smell
10. Skin rash

Your camper may return to camp after having the above symptoms if they have been:

- Symptom-free for 24 hours AND Fever-free for 72 hours with either:
 - a. Letter from pediatrician that it is safe for the child to return to camp (telehealth appointment is acceptable) OR
 - b. Negative COVID-19 test result; OR
 - c. 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms



Your camper may not come to camp if, in the last 14 days, anyone in household:

1. Has been confirmed positive for COVID-19
2. Has been tested for COVID-19 due to suspected exposure and is awaiting test results
3. Was under quarantine for suspected exposure to COVID-19

Dropping Off your Child at Camp:

1. Pre-Screening
 - a. Campers, Staff and Caregivers should self-monitor their health 14 days before arriving to camp and take note of any symptoms of COVID-19 listed above. We encourage you to monitor their temperature through these 14 days.
2. Check-in: (Please see Document Checkin/Checkout Procedures 2020 for more details)
 - a. Drop-off times will be staggered based on age and camp:
 - i. 8:30-8:50: Forest Village Camp, Forest Explorers Camp
 - ii. 9:00-9:20: Pathfinders, Advanced and Specialty Camps
 - iii. 9:30-9:40: Growing Wild Camp
 - b. For families with campers in multiple age groups, we will be in communication before your camp week about which time slot to pick up your campers.
 - c. Drop-off will be contact-free with caregivers staying in their cars with drive-up drop-off. At 4-H Acres drivers will be directed to use our long driveway loop. At all locations, drivers can expect to be directed where to stop by staff. Our staff Health Screeners will check in campers from their car window using our Health Screening Protocol. During the screening process, all individuals should stay in their car. All caregivers and screeners must be wearing a face mask during check-in.
 - i. Please note: If caregivers need to exit the car to assist their child, please maintain 6 feet distance between other members of the camp community and always wear a mask. There will be designated parking spots available if further conversation with camp staff is required.
3. Health Screening at Camp
 - a. All campers and staff will undergo daily health screenings
 - b. Screenings will include questions including and not limited to: symptoms of COVID-19, the occurrence of a positive test of COVID-19, and the proximity to people of suspected or positive cases of COVID-19.
 - c. All answers to screenings will be reviewed and recorded daily by Camp Directors.
4. Daily Health Screening Questions
 - a. Caregivers will be asked these questions about their campers. Any camper who gets a YES to any of the questions, not otherwise explained (for example, by allergies, a recent physical injury, etc) will NOT be permitted at camp and will only be able to return per the COVID-19 Camper Illness Policy.



- i. Have you (the camper) experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
 1. Have a fever of 100F or above now or in the preceding 72 hours?
 2. Have a cough?
 3. Have a sore throat?
 4. Have any muscle aches?
 5. Have any difficulty breathing/shortness of breath?
 6. Have recent loss of taste or smell?
- ii. Have you (the camper) taken any Tylenol, Ibuprofen or another NSAID in the last 24 hours for fever or unexplained muscle pain?
- iii. Is your entire household in full compliance with the Camper Illness Policy? Including, for the last 14 days:
 1. No one tested positive for COVID-19
 2. No one has been tested for COVID-19 due to suspected exposure and is awaiting test results
 3. No one is under quarantine for suspected exposure to COVID-19
- iv. Has anyone in your household traveled outside of Tompkins County in the last 14 days? This answer is only used if contact tracing is later triggered.
 1. If yes, where did they go and when?
5. Health Screener will take camper's temperature with non-contact thermometer and:
 - a. Record temperature in Health Check Form
 - b. Any person with a temperature above 100F will not be permitted at camp
6. Campers will use hand sanitizer or handwashing stations immediately upon entering camp.

Picking Up Your Camper

1. Campers will stay in their cohorts during pick-up and have a staggered departure in a similar format to drop off:
 - a. 1:30-1:45: Growing Wild Camp
 - b. 3:00-3:20: Forest Village Camp and Forest Explorers Camp
 - c. 3:20-3:40: Pathfinders, Advanced and Specialty Camps
2. For families with campers in multiple age groups, we will be in communication before your camp week about which time slot to pick up your campers.
3. Caregivers will pick up while staying in their vehicles. Campers will be in small groups along the main lawn.
4. All Campers will wash or sanitize their hands before leaving camp
5. Epic Day (Extended Care) is not available this summer



How Your Child May Experience Camp - please discuss with your child:

1. Staff are required to wear face coverings at all times. They will also wear name tags. Campers are required to bring a face covering to camp that they are able to put on by themselves. They will not be required to wear masks unless a staff person determines that social distancing can not be maintained for a specific time period. We may also ask campers to wear masks until all the campers in their cohort understand the distancing ground rules.
2. Campers will stay with their assigned group for the entirety of the week and intergroup mingling will be extremely limited. This will be apparent at our check in and check out procedures and during the camp day where in previous years camp groups may have come together for activities. If groups are close together they will keep at least 10 feet apart.
3. All staff and campers will maintain six feet distance from other individuals whenever possible.
4. Program supplies, bathrooms, and any touched surfaces will be sanitized regularly according to Health Department standards.
5. Campers will be asked to sanitize or wash their hands upon arrival and departure as well as other times throughout the day including after bathroom use, before and after eating and after touching program supplies.
6. During lunch and snack, campers will not be permitted to share food. During meal times, campers will sit 6 feet apart. We can not ensure that campers will be able to heat lunch items. Lunch items should be ready to consume without needing heating.
7. Some activities such as cooking over a fire, games involving touch, etc will be modified or not used this summer.

When Physical Distancing is Not Possible

There are times when physical distancing will not be possible, particularly with our youngest campers who may need assistance with tasks such as opening lunch containers, changing their clothes or may need to be consoled using touch. Another example is the need for staff to apply first aid. In these circumstances, our staff will be wearing masks and will be following consistent hand washing/sanitizing protocols between each interaction.

Campers coming from Out-of-the-Area:

1. Starting June 17th, there will be no new summer camp registrations for out-of-area campers.
 - a. *In the area:* If you drive to and from camp every day from your primary residence.
 - b. *Out of the area:* If you drive to and from camp every day from a place that is not your primary residence.
2. If your camper is currently enrolled and your situation is defined as "out of the area," your camper must have been in this area for 14 days without symptoms before the start of their camp.



3. If your camper is not able to be in the area for 14 days before the start of their camp, we are to fully refund camp registrations until June 19th.

COVID-19 Exposure Response

If there is a confirmed positive test of someone who has been at camp in the last seven days Primitive Pursuits will follow our Communicative Disease Plan per the Center for Disease control. Primitive Pursuits will with outlines the following plan:

1. Communicate immediately with Tompkins County Health Department, camp staff, parents and campers.
2. Discourage staff, campers and their families from gathering or socializing anywhere.
3. Maintain confidentiality of the camper or staff member as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.
4. Clean and disinfect all areas that could have been exposed to COVID-19.
5. Prepare for guidance from Health Department which could entail:
 - a. Camp closure for campers and staff for 24-48 hours. This initial short-term dismissal allows time for the local health officials to determine the COVID-19 situation impacting camp.
 - b. Quarantine of all campers from the positive person's cohort for at least 14 days.
 - c. Camp closure for 14 days.
 - d. Camp closure for the rest of the summer.

Participant Acknowledgement Form

1. After completing the registration process, all families must sign our online "We're Coming to Camp" acknowledgement form prior to attending camp.

Adjustments to the To-bring list

1. Please follow along with the to-bring list that was sent in your pre-camp email.
2. All camper belongings MUST BE clearly marked with their name. Any lost items that do not have names on them may be discarded.
3. The biggest changes to previous summers are that all campers will need their own:
 - a. Face covering - campers must be able to put on face covers without assistance.
 - b. Bandana - This bandana will be used by your child specifically for games and activities while at camp. It will not be shared. Preferably they should be a larger size, 22" on a side. We plan to have these available at the camp store.

Camp Store

This summer we will not offer an in-person camp store. We will create an online store with payment online. We will offer weekly camp pick-up of orders on Wednesdays. Each purchase will be individually packaged with the camper's name on it.



Visitors at Camp

- a. Non-essential outside visitors such as guest presenters, observers, etc will not be allowed at camp
- b. One-on-one aides that plan to stay with the small cohort the entire camp week and not move to other groups for any reason would be allowed. They must have completed a background check through CCE and complete staff daily health screenings.

Inclement Weather

1. In the case of thunderstorms, camp will seek shelter in the pole barn with each cohort staying 10 feet apart and all campers and staff will wear masks.
2. If severe thunderstorms are in the forecast it is possible we may decide to cancel camp that day.
3. If we do cancel camp because of weather, we will make every effort to notify the primary account holder by 8 am that morning.

Updating Camper Health Histories

Please take a moment to update your child's camper health history if you think there is anything further we need to know about concerns related to COVID-19. If your child has one of the following conditions, or any other pre-existing condition of concern we encourage you to consult with your doctor and update your health history in your online portal:

- a. Chronic Lung Disease
- b. Moderate and above asthma
- c. Serious heart conditions
- d. Immunocompromised
- e. Severe obesity
- f. Diabetes
- g. Chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- h. Liver Disease

Questions or Concerns?

We encourage families to reach out to us with your questions or concerns. We are doing our best to stay up to speed with new information as quickly as possible and will do our best to keep families up to date if changes occur. Please also refer to our COVID-19 page on our website.