

(Updated May 10, 2021)

SUMMER 2021 UPDATES:

The Camp Birch Hill health care team pledges to ensure compliance and a clear focus on keeping ourselves and each other safe. We will continue to provide information related to your campers session as summer approaches. As you read the update below, please reach out with any questions, clarifications or recommendations.

Preparing for Check-In Day. Drop off, testing and pick up. Birch Hill is planning coordinated efforts to minimize exposure and risk on these high traffic days. Families will be made aware of exact pick-up and drop off times and procedures for campers and guardians. Information will be communicated by email and posted here as it becomes available. Camp Birch Hill plans to use COVID testing as a part of our 2021 plan for entry and admittance to camp, diagnostic (symptoms) and ongoing monitoring. The timing, type of testing, and logistics are being reviewed and will be announced as decisions are made. Types of tests and criteria for their use are continuing to evolve and we want to ensure that we are implementing best practices. Please note the following:

- All campers are required to have a negative COVID PCR test complete 3-5 days prior to arrival. Documentation of a negative test will be required upon arrival at camp. Camp Birch Hill will be providing more information about completing this step soon.
- Additionally, Camp Birch Hill will be completing a PCR test for each camper onsite on checkin day. This is separate from the pre-camp testing. Information about this testing will be provided soon.
- On day 5 of each session Camp Birch Hill plans to complete an onsite PCR test for each camper.
- Camp Birch Hill has not posted check-in times yet. Thank you for your patience. We are working through the final discussion on testing and timing which will dictate the drop off process. Families will be made aware of exact drop off times soon.
- Pick-up times are tentatively planned for 10am-12pm for all sessions. More information to come soon on the process.
- The Camp Store will be closed on check-in days. Camp Store will be open online before your camper's session and you will be able to access and get camp items that can be sent to you ahead of time.

Please contact the camp office if your camper has been vaccinated or has tested positive within 90 days of their enrolled session.

Camp Community Pre-Arrival Behavior Expectations. Our expectations for pre-arrival activities will be based on current CDC, American Camping Association and NH State Guidance. We will require all families to meet pre-camp expectations that will include symptom monitoring and low risk behaviors.

- **3-5 days before camp:** Get your COVID PCR test. Remember, you must arrive at camp with a negative PCR test that is no older than five days.
- **Once tested:** Please be very careful of your camper's contact with family/household members who are working outside of the house, attending school, day camp/childcare, or sports

activities. If any of your camper(s) are feeling sick or have any COVID symptoms please plan to stay home. Also plan to stay home if you have been in close contact with a person with a positive test. Please contact camp to talk with the health team and do not arrive at camp on check-in day.

- **Travel** The current NH State guidelines do not require that travelers quarantine for domestic travel. It is essential that your family still follow the pre-arrival behavioral expectations. Also consider ways to reduce COVID transmission in travel including direct travel/less lay-overs and pack food for travel/avoid dining in restaurants.

Preparing for Camp & Packing

We are working on an updated packing list for 2021. The updated version will be available on our website and in all camp communications leading up to the start of camp. Please note the following:

- Mask type requirements are outlined as of the current CDC guidance. Plan on bringing at least 14 cloth or disposable masks to camp.
- Water bottles are required. Water fountains will be replaced with water bottle fill stations and will be located throughout camp.
- Medications – Be sure to update your campers online health history form to reflect current status on your campers medications. On check in, all medications must be submitted to our camp nurses station in the original prescription bottle individually stored in a ziplock bag.

Masks

Masks for campers and staff will be a part of Camp Birch Hill's 2021 summer safety plan. We will be providing more information on mask use at camp as the most up to date information becomes available. Plan on packing at least 14 of the cloth type or disposable masks outlined in current CDC guidance. Please note that campers and staff will be unmasked for sleeping, eating, showering and swimming.

Visitors

When camp is in session, for the safety of our campers and staff, visitors will be strictly limited. Updated information regarding this policy will be provided in the 2021 Resource Page found in CampMinder under the forms and documents tab. Please note that permission is required to visit camp during non-summer / off season months.