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## **2021 Camp WB & Nature Camp Frequently Asked Questions**

Updated as of March 12, 2021. Answers are considered accurate at the time of publication. WB Parks will continue to update this document as information from the Oakland County Health Department, State of Michigan (Executive Orders, Licensing Regulations from LARA), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is updated. These updates may adjust health protocols and procedures, camper activities, camper: staff ratios and other Summer Day Camp Guidelines.

We ran a successful camp season last year. Our camp parents and campers were key in helping our camp community stay healthy throughout the summer. Our camp team diligently followed local health department and State licensing guidelines to help mitigate risk. As we continue to stay informed, we will expand our camp programming and provide campers with even more great camp experiences this season.

1. What will the counselor to camper ratio be this summer?  
There will be a 2:10 staff to camper ratio.
2. Will campers have to wear masks?  
Campers will not be required to wear a mask if able to maintain 6ft of physical distance from individuals not in their household or when exerting them self during an activity. Masks must be worn while inside using the bathrooms, if outdoors within 6ft of an individual outside their household or if using a room inside for inclement weather.
3. Will counselors be wearing masks?  
Camp staff are required to wear masks at all times unless outside at a physical distance of 6ft or more from others or exerting oneself during an activity.
4. How will social distancing be ensured at Camp?  
There will be assigned groups of 10 campers and 2 staff. These groups will remain together every day during the camp week and will not intermix with other groups. (See Camp Parent Handbook)
5. Will there be health checks at drop off in the morning?  
Yes, parents will be asked a series of questions regarding their child(ren) and camper's temperature will be taken daily. However, the expectation is for parents to conduct health screenings 14 days prior to the start of camp and throughout the camp season. A camper health screening chart will be provided and will be required every Monday at drop-off. (See Camp Parent Handbook)
6. Will there be health checks throughout the camp day?  
Camper's temperatures will be taken again mid-day.
7. How is Camp WB & Nature Camp maintaining hygiene practices?  
There will be a number of intentional hand sanitizing practices throughout the camp day, including sanitation stations. (See Camp Parent Handbook)

8. What is the plan for cleaning and disinfecting Camp facilities and supplies?  
The cleaning and disinfecting procedure of our facility already meets the CDC standards, including the use of an all-in one cleaning and disinfectant product used to routinely clean touched surfaces. These practices will increase in frequency throughout the camp day on high touched surfaces. (See Camp Parent Handbook Covid Addendum)
9. What is the plan for cleaning and disinfecting shared camp items?  
There will be cleaning of shared supplies before they are used by each camp pod.
10. Will campers use the playground?  
**CAMP WB:** There will be minimal use of the playground equipment and if used, proper hand hygiene will be included. The playground will only be used if Camp WB has sole use and there is no other public in the vicinity.  
**Nature Camp:** Campers will have several opportunities to explore the Outdoor Natural Play Area. Sanitizing of loose parts used in the area is part of camp procedures.
11. Will campers go on field trips?  
Per the State of Michigan Camp Licensing Guidelines, field trips are not permitted this year. However, we will have exciting outreach programs and entertainment onsite each week to facilitate various programs and experiences.
12. Will campers go to Marshbank Park for nature days?  
**CAMP WB:** Yes, but parents will have to drop-off their child(ren) at 9am and pick-up at 3pm on our Marshbank days. This will take place once a week on Tuesdays, except the week of July 5<sup>th</sup> it will be on July 7<sup>th</sup>.  
**Nature Camp:** Yes, but parents will have to drop-off their child(ren) at 9am and pick-up at 3pm on our Marshbank days. This will take place twice a week on Wednesdays and Thursday, except the weeks of Nature Nuggets and Wee-Wilderness Explorers.
13. How do canoe day's work at Marshbank Park?  
One lifeguard is present at each canoe day and one staff member is in each canoe. Everyone travels together in a group and we go through a marsh area as well as by the fishing pier.
14. Will campers go swimming this summer?  
No, there will be no swimming this summer. However, Camp WB tentatively plans to visit our new Lily Pad Springs splash pad if State protocols allow.
15. Why is there a cost increase of Camp with no field trips and reduced hours?  
Based on feedback, we have added activities/entertainment for campers to enjoy as a substitute for field trips. Additionally, due to State mandated COVID-19 adaptations, our camp operating and staffing budgets are again higher this year due to almost twice as many staff required and again higher cost for additional Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), cleaning/disinfecting supplies.
16. Why is before and after care not offered this summer?  
Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, which requires no intermixing of camp pods, we are unable to execute latchkey safely and cost effectively.
17. How were these COVID-19 revised protocols and procedures created?  
Our COVID-19 protocols and procedures were created in 2020 based on the guidelines and recommendations from Michigan LARA, CDC and American Camp Association and have been updated to adhere to 2021 protocols and procedures.

18. How old does my camper need to be to attend camp?

Campers must turn the advertised age within one month of camp start date (unless noted otherwise).

**CAMP WB:** Ages 6-11 years

**Nature Camp:** We offer a variety of camps starting at age 2 through 13, depending on the week.

19. When does my child get their shirt?

T-shirts are given out at check-out on the first day of camp. One t-shirt per camper is provided for the summer, but additional shirts are available for purchase for \$10.

20. What does my child need to bring to camp?

Campers should bring a backpack that includes: a peanut free lunch, 2 snacks, sunscreen and water. Wear closed toed shoes every day and their field trip t-shirt on Marshbank Park days. Please be sure their backpack and all belongings are clearly marked in permanent marker with your child's name. For water activity days bring a swim suit, towel and water shoes. Campers should NOT bring: money, toys, video games, cell phones, personal stereos, DVD players, iPods, etc. They are not allowed to use them at Camp and we cannot be responsible for these items.

21. What kind of training does your staff go through?

Our camp staff gets certified in CPR & AED, epi-pen usage, Water Observation and basic first aid trainings. They also receive a 5 day camp training run by WB Parks staff 1 week prior to camp starting, which include safety regulations, emergency procedures and behavior management techniques.

22. How old are your counselors?

Camp WB & Nature Camp are licensed camps by the state of Michigan and meet the licensing requirements of camp counselors being at least 18 years old or older.

23. What happens when there is inclement weather?

We always have a back-up plan whether it is a Marshbank day or a day we spend at our own camp space. If there is thunder or lightning we will go inside. We cannot go back outside until 30 minutes have passed of neither lightning nor thunder. While inside, campers and staff must wear their masks and stay in their pods.

Still have more questions? Let us know! [camps@wbparks.org](mailto:camps@wbparks.org)