

July 17, 2020

Dear friends,

We would like to share with you a few important points about how things will be different at this year's camp meeting.

Typically, we have included in the camp brochures a section entitled *Our Life Together Agreement*. It lays the foundation of rules that each of us agree to follow as we share the campgrounds this year. It helps us understand the expectations and practices that will and will not be acceptable during family camp.

Those items are still in effect, but in addition there are some new behavior and attitude expectations based on changes due to the COVID-19 situation, the CDC guidelines, and the orders of the Governor of Michigan.

This year WILL be DIFFERENT:

- In this current situation, it is impossible for us to have camp as normal.
- Please be very flexible and understanding in your attitude, recognizing that our leaders are doing all that they can to provide a deeply meaningful and spiritually impactful camping experience in these very challenging times.
- Let us come together with grateful hearts that we can have camp this year.
- Let us resolve to focus our attention on Jesus and coming as close to Him as He invites us to come during our time shared together at camp.

Your health is your responsibility: Your best defense against all communicable diseases is to avoid them in the first place.

- It is important to note that no plan anywhere can guarantee that this virus will not enter any particular location. We will do our best to present as safe and risk-free an environment as possible, and we ask that you partner with us in this endeavor.
- If you or your family members are sick, please stay home from camp. If you begin to experience symptoms that may be COVID-19 related while you are at camp, please notify the Camp Office as soon as possible.
- Take personal precautions:
 - Refrain from hand shaking, high fives, fist bumps, hugs, etc. Some are simply not comfortable with that at this time, and we want to respect that.
 - Use the inside of your arm to cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
 - Wash your hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds – When soap/water is not available use hand sanitizer.
 - Stay six feet away from those who are not in your family.
 - We will expect all individuals to bring hand sanitizer for their personal use, masks for the week, and any additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) you feel is needed.

- Know your risk level. The CDC defines the at-risk population for COVID-19 to be:
 - People 65 years and older
 - People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who have serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
 - People with diabetes
 - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - People with liver disease
- Individuals falling into one of these categories are encouraged to join us from home this summer via the internet.

The Executive Order regarding masks:

- The Governor has ordered that as of July 13, 2020 the use of masks is mandated in all public businesses and large outdoor gatherings.
- While churches and church camps will not be penalized under this order, we do want to be considerate of the health of others and show respect to those whom the Lord has placed in positions of authority.
- It is strongly recommended that each person wear a mask when inside public places at camp, including the tabernacle, in compliance with the Governor's order. Upon reaching their seat in the tabernacle, individuals may choose to wear their masks or remove them.
- There are several legitimate reasons for a person to not be wearing a mask. Therefore, grace should be given to one another on this issue.
- There will be no mask police – it will be up to the individual to decide when and where to wear them.

Steps are being taken to assist all campers in staying healthy:

- All buildings have been cleaned prior to camp and a 30-day sanitizing fogger is planned for key areas.
- PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. This is done by visiting our website: browncitycamp.org. **On the site, right next to the scrolling pictures, click on "2020 Gate Registration."** This will expedite your entry through the gate and reduce the wait time for everyone upon arrival. You will be given directions as to how to proceed when you arrive at the entry gate.
- IF YOU ARE NOT PRE-REGISTERED, you will need to park your car. ONLY 1 MEMBER OF THE FAMILY SHOULD APPROACH THE REGISTRATION WINDOW to register. You will not enter the building. The registrar will give you a card to give

to the Gate Attendant. The gate attendant will give you an Information Packet and a Camp Security sticker for your window. Children will receive their wristbands at their tabernacle. Youth will receive their wristbands at the Youth Office.

- Upon arrival to camp all individuals will be screened with the following question:
- "Have you been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days or do you currently have a fever, cough/sore throat or shortness of breath?"
- Regular sanitizing of surfaces will be performed.
- Hand-sanitizing stations have been added at various places around the grounds.
- Distancing will be in place at the Camp Store with separate entrance and exit doors; The Grounds-with a new outside service area; and the Camp Office.
- Offering will be received in secure boxes placed at each entrance of the tabernacle. There will also be an offering box at the Hoop Barn for young adults and in front of the Camp Office.
- Prayer tent – for those who wish to pray or be prayed with/for but who are not comfortable going forward to pray at the altar, a prayer tent will be available just outside the tabernacle. Volunteers will be available to pray with people while at the same time taking every precaution to care for the health of those seeking prayer.

Some "normal" camp activities will not be taking place:

- **The Cafeteria and Snack Shack will be closed.**
 - An attempt is underway to have food trucks available on the grounds.
 - The Pavilions will be available for seating. Because of this, church groups will not be able to reserve them this year.
 - Food may be purchased at the Camp Store, or in Brown City. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience this causes.
 - As you interact with the businesses and restaurants in the local area, please be full of love, care, and respect, remembering that we are witnesses of Jesus to the watching world.
- **The following events are canceled:** Kingdom Kids' Fun Fair, Marketplace, and Children's Night in the Tabernacle; Sunday afternoon concert and Window on the World.
- **Adult afternoon seminars have been canceled.**

YOUTH MINISTRIES: The Jr. and Sr. High Youth Services will be combined.

- There will be seating inside the Sr. High Tab and outside under a tent. You'll need a lawn chair if you're planning to sit outside.
- They will have morning services and afternoon activities. They join the evening service with the adults, as usual.

- Youth will be assigned to a small group at the time of registration. Whenever possible, small groups will be kept to 15 or fewer youth. Youth will remain in their small group during service and small group discussion time as much as possible.
- Social distancing within small groups will be maintained to the extent possible. When social distancing between adult volunteers and youth is not able to be maintained the adult volunteer will wear a mask.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

- **4 YRS OLD – 6th GRADES:** As the children enter their tabernacles, they will be asked to use hand sanitizer.
- There will be both morning and afternoon sessions for the children, but no evening sessions.
- The playground equipment has been power washed and sprayed for sanitization.
- Children will be placed in a small group at the time of registration. Whenever possible, small groups will be kept to 10 or fewer children. They will remain with their same small group during service and activities as much as possible.
- Social distancing within small groups will be maintained to the extent possible. When social distancing between adult volunteers and children is not able to be maintained the adult volunteer will wear a mask.

NURSERY and 2-3 YR OLDS: These ministries will operate as normal with extra cleaning/sanitizing of both buildings and toys.

- Nursery Hours: Sunday mornings and Friday 7/31 – Sat 8/8 evenings
- 2-3 Yr. Old's Hours: Mornings 7/31 – 8/9 and evenings 7/30 – 8/8

Worship services will look different:

- There will be reduced seating in Eastman Tabernacle.
 - Please maintain 6 feet of distance between family groups.
 - You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and sit outside if you prefer.
- There will be additional venues where the services may be viewed to accommodate those who might not find a seat in Eastman Tabernacle. A list of these additional venues will be provided.
- Services will be live-streamed for free across the campground for those who wish to remain on their lots and view the services on their own electronic devices via the **intranet**. Internet will not be necessary to view the services, but may be purchased separately.

Response to Possible or Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

- If someone becomes symptomatic during camp, the Main Office is to be notified and the person is to return home. We must contact our local health department and licensing consultant for next steps. When notifying individuals if COVID-19

was present on the campgrounds, the privacy of individuals will be respected by not sharing health information of a specific person.

- We will determine whether to close the campground based on guidance from our local health department.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility in these very different and challenging times. We are looking forward to all that God wants to do in each heart at camp this year, as He prepares us to minister where He has placed us to serve.

Faithfully,

Your Brown City Camp Board