



Dear parent/guardian,

We have very exciting news for the families. We are able to have overnight camp this summer!! With that being said, our number one priority after honoring God is the care and the safety of guests who come on our grounds. Therefore, we ask that you carefully read through this email to ensure you are informed of changes due to Covid-19.

REGISTRATION:

Registration for overnight camps will open to the public on Tuesday, April 20 at 10:00am.

- **If you transferred from 2020 you will not need to do anything on April 20th.**
- You can register at manitoqua.org, click on the computer picture that says, click here to register....and log in to your account to add overnight camp.
- We are not able to offer Tshirts, Toyboxes, DVDs, or Paintball this year.
- Cabin photos, camp photos, and debit cards(punch cards) will need to be pre-purchased 10 days before the session this year.
 - Any leftover monies on debit cards(punch cards) will not be refunded, instead it will be donated to our scholarship fund.
 - Cash can still be used at the pickle shack or camp store.

MONDAY MORNING CHECK IN:

- Drop off will be staggered by alpha order to avoid crowding and allow for social distancing.
 - Please only one parent/guardian during drop off.
 - First check in will be at 9am for the first half of the alphabet, second check in time will be at 9:30am for the second half. Please come at your assigned time and not early.
 - An email will be sent the Friday before your camp session with what cabin your camper will stay in as well as your check in time.

DURING THE WEEK:

- Program activities will be adjusted and spaced out in a way that each cabin will not interact with another cabin and staff will be cleaning activity areas between use.
 - Group sizes will be limited and masks will be required.
 - Temperatures will be taken twice a day, and if a camper runs a temp above 100.4, they will be sent home.
 - Due to the restrictions of Covid-19 including sanitation and group sizes, free time activities, such as the pickle shack, camp store will be done in a rotation. Activities that would normally be done during free time will be spread throughout the week and done within their assigned groups. Also, swimming will be done in hour increments.
 - Children from other states may be in attendance....



DURING THE WEEK (CONT):

- When possible meals will take place outside.
- No packages will be allowed this year. We strongly encourage showing your camper love by emailing them at camper@manitoqua.org.
- Campers will not be able to leave during the week, if they need to leave for any reason, they will not be able to return.

FRIDAY PICK UP:

- Check out will be staggered by alpha order to avoid crowding and allow for social distancing.
 - Please only one parent/guardian for check out.
 - Check out will be at 1pm on the dining hall lawn.

The number of people on the property is being managed and limited according to the IDPH and the DOC guidelines. We ask for your help in limiting the people on the property. Only one parent/guardian for drop off and one parent/guardian for pick up and masks are asked to be worn.

Thank you again for your patience and prayers while you waited for answers. We appreciate the encouraging words you have said to staff, and the support you have for this ministry.

2021's theme is **Live - Love** based on Mark 12:29-31. *Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."*

In His grip,
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