

## Camp Nyoda 2020

Camp Nyoda is licensed and regulated by the NJ health department (NJDOH)

- That is where all our requirements come from.
- They now have a "field guide" of best practices to help guide them.
- This field guide was created by an independent firm, hired by the ACA, and included experts in many relevant fields, including the CDC , to create a set of best practices that we can use as a guide for our decision making.
- This guide is 82 pages long and just came out over the weekend
- At this time the ACA is still optimistic that camps will be able to open this summer.

Who makes the final decision?

1. Governor Murphy
2. Camp Nyoda's board of Directors, with recommendations from Myself, Molly and our Nursing staff.
3. If we do not get a decision by June 4<sup>th</sup> we will most likely delay camp by 1 week.

## Camp Nyoda 2020. Will we open?

From NJ Camps -Gap: (New Jersey Camps Government Affairs Project)

Will camps open this summer? We believe camps will open. We are asking Governor Murphy to announce an opening date **NOW**. At no point have we received push back on whether camps can open - and now that the NJDOH has the [ACA Field Guide](#) as a resource and industry best practices - our efforts are exclusively on getting the Governor to make the announcement.

# OPTIONS FOR THE SUMMER 2020

## A. Camp will not open.

We would run limited virtual camp experiences.

## B. Camp will run as a shortened version

Camp would open late but close August 15

We would shorten each session to two weeks or two and a half weeks.

Camp tuition will then be prorated

## C. We have a Closed Camp Community.

- Camper drop off and pick up would happen through check-in locations outside of our camp proper.
- Counselors would not go and out.
- No Visiting Day
- No out of camp trips: hiking, church, canoe trips
- No campers out for any reason other than medical.
- All counselor days off taken in camp.

## D. We have a Modified Closed Camp Community.

- There would be limited coming and going.
- Camper drop off and pick up would happen through check-in locations outside our camp proper
- No Visiting Day
- A limited number of people would be able to leave using a mask and gloves.
- No visitors



## Decisions we have made:

- Camper move in:
  1. There will be a 2 week pre-camp screening form for parents to fill out and bring with them.
  2. There will be no run in.
  3. Parents will not be entering camp.
  4. There will be a staggered check in with health screening. Parents will be with their campers.
  5. New parent meeting will be a zoom later in the afternoon.
  6. There will be a lice screening by a lice company during the afternoon.
- Installed handwashing/sanitizing stations throughout camp with required frequent handwashing / sanitizing
- No overnights in tents
- If campers/staff become ill with covid like symptoms they will be quarantined by us and be required to be picked up from camp within 6 hours and treated/recover at home or pre-designated location.

- Any camper/staff arriving by plane will be required to arrive in state 2 weeks prior to camp.
- Dining room seating – we are renting a 30' x 60' tent with picnic tables to reduce DR occupancy by half.
- Kitchen staff will be required to wear gloves and masks as per CDC guidelines
- Increased sanitizing in common areas. We currently do 1x day and will be increasing up to 3x a day
- Ongoing health screening
- Sanitizing equipment between camper uses in departments
- We will be outside or under the tent for evening activities
- Social distancing in the bungs – limited bung sizes where possible, space between beds, head to toe sleeping, open air/windows open, fan on.

- We will continue to require medical paperwork for everyone coming to camp.
- All staff will be trained by Myself, Molly and Nurses during staff training on:
  - Health signs and symptoms to watch for
  - Protocols in case of illness
  - Cleaning / sanitizing protocols as directed by the CDC
  - Emotional issues to be sensitive to coming out of quarantine

The ACA Field Guide is 82 pages long and as we continue to adapt safeguards based on the best practices within that document we will be adding ways to keep our community safe while balancing the Nyoda environment that your girls have come to know and love.

There is also the possibility that the NJDOH will add additional requirements.



## Things under consideration

- Evening activities reevaluated for limited camp wide interaction
- Daily temperature checks
- Staff wearing masks when inside and in closer proximity ie: bedtime routines
- At this time we do not see the need for campers to wear masks because of the outdoor nature of camp. This is also reinforced by the Field Guide.

- No matter how we open, the essence of camp will be the same
- We have amazingly dedicated staff
- We feel very lucky that we do not rely on overseas staff and that a large number of our girls live within the tri state area.
- We have over-hired for the summer to account for additional responsibilities
- So far camper withdrawal is limited- we appreciate your confidence!
- Next parent zoom will be Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

Thank You!!

