

## **City of Berkeley Echo Lake Camp COVID-19 Policy and Protocols FAQs as of February, 2021**

**These FAQs are to give campers a sense of policies and protocols we're developing. We anticipate as Public Health and local guidelines change, we will need to make adjustments accordingly.**

**As our Camp program season approaches, we will share more specific policies and procedures with registered campers, and to our website.**

### **What COVID-19 guidelines will Echo Lake Camp follow?**

Echo Lake Camp Summer 2021 COVID-19 policies & procedures will be informed by and may need to comply with several different agencies, including the United States Forest Service, the State of California, El Dorado County, and the City of Berkeley Public Health.

### **What is your COVID refund policy?**

If you or a member of your camp party is unable to attend Camp because they contract COVID-19 or they are required to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19, you may request a refund by contacting the Recreation Division and providing information about the reason for your refund request no later than 30 days after the end of the scheduled camp stay. A doctor's note may be required. The City will evaluate requests on a case by case basis to determine refund eligibility.

### **What is your vaccination and testing requirement?**

As of February, 2021, we do not have a policy regarding vaccination or testing requirements, but this may change before Summer 2021. COVID-19 testing or vaccination is not currently required to participate in Echo Lake Camp Programs, however, we recommend Campers get tested and/or get vaccinated if these are available options to them prior to their stay.

### **Will wellness checks be required at Camp?**

This policy is still being developed, and we will follow public health guidelines applicable this summer. Upon arrival at Camp, and periodically during the camp stay, wellness checks may be required to assess whether Campers have any symptoms of illness. Campers may be required to answer questions about their health, and Staff may use a digital thermometer to check for fever.

Campers found to be symptomatic of illness during their stay may need to follow isolation guidelines, and may need to leave camp. Prior to attending Echo Lake Camp programs, we expect campers to evaluate their health before making the drive to Camp. Any campers that have symptoms of illness must contact the Echo Lake Camp Office to discuss options prior to attending programs.

### **Will I need to wear a face mask in camp?**

We are anticipating that all campers, staff, and visitors to the Camp property will need to wear a face covering, but this will depend on the public health guidelines when camp starts.

### **Will we need to practice social distancing guidelines at Camp?**

Yes, we are anticipating that campers and staff will need to practice social distancing during their camp stay, and we will be programming our activities accordingly. Additional information about how social

distancing requirements will impact camp programs will be shared with campers as we get closer to Camp.

### **Will visitors be allowed at Camp?**

Only registered campers and City of Berkeley staff will be allowed to take part in Camp programs, and we do not recommend visitors to Camp during any of our programs. Visitor's will be considered on a case by case basis. Any visitors to Camp will be required to follow COVID-19 protocols while at Camp.

### **How will meals be served?**

We are still finalizing our food service plan, and we will operate in accordance with El Dorado County public health guidelines for food service operations. Depending upon their guidance, we may allow indoor dining. We are significantly expanding our outdoor dining areas this summer.

### **Will the coffee & tea station be available?**

Yes – we know how important coffee and tea are to the Camp experience, and we are developing plans to ensure campers have access to coffee and tea stations at Camp.

### **How has COVID-19 changed Echo Lake Camp Programs this summer?**

We are working hard to develop all of our programs in compliance with COVID-19 health guidelines, and we are certain our campers will have a great time at Camp this summer, and enjoy the fun, family traditions at Echo Lake Camp that our campers have grown to love.

There are some programs and activities that we anticipate we will need to modify to comply with COVID-19 public health guidelines. For example, all-camp activities like table night (talent show at the stage), the Saturday Staff Show, bingo, or campfires may be different to accommodate social distancing guidelines and to limit the number of people congregating in one place.

Sports programs, tournaments, and activities utilizing shared equipment like table tennis may also be modified to allow for cleaning and disinfection and social distancing.

We are planning to open our Swimming Pool, and we are currently developing policies and procedures to ensure we are compliant with COVID-19 guidelines.

Campers will be able to use the swimming pool, sports courts, archery range, bocce ball court, badminton court, table tennis, observation deck areas, green chair circle, and other program areas. In addition, we are planning for fun evening activities for all campers.

### **What can we do to help this summer?**

When everyone does their part to keep our community safe by practicing good hygiene, wearing face coverings, social distancing, and monitoring symptoms of illness, we will lower the likelihood of spreading COVID-19. We will be asking all campers to work together this summer follow the guidelines in place at Camp, which will allow us to offer these special programs to our community.