



March 26, 2021

Welcome to Summer Camp 2021 at Mikell!

We are excited to announce that we will be able to offer a summer program this year. We realize that the COVID pandemic is not fully over at this time, but after much consultation with the Diocesan COVID Task Force, we are confident in our ability to implement new protocols that will allow us to run camp in a safe manner. We want all families to understand up front that camp this summer will be different from previous summers as we address concerns related to COVID. This letter, along with additional materials (Summer 2021 Pre-Camp COVID Screening Form; Summer 2021 COVID Protocols; Summer 2021 COVID Waiver), will explain the changes that we plan to make.

Our first priority at Mikell has always been centered around safety, and it will continue to be the case this summer. We will be implementing new protocols based on guidelines approved by the Center for Disease Control and the American Camp Association, along with guidelines implemented by the Diocesan COVID Task Force and the Bishop's office.

On the following pages, you will find a checklist to help explain what you need to do before bringing your child to camp. We will then explain in more detail how camp will be different this summer, from registration until you pick up your camper at the end of the week.

Summer 2021 Checklist:

Paperwork to be completed and received by Mikell 2 weeks before your camper's session:

- Summer 2021 COVID Waiver**
- General Health Form**
- Liability Form**
- Rules Form**
- Finances Paid in Full or payment arranged with Amanda Price**
(amanda@campmikell.com)

Paperwork/items to be brought to Registration

- Summer 2021 Pre-camp COVID Screening Form** (with record of camper temperature tracking 10 days before camp)
- Proof of negative COVID test results within 72 hours of coming to camp**

- ☐ **Minimum of 10 2-ply masks** (No neck gaiters or bandanas. Disposable surgical masks are adequate.)

NEW PROTOCOLS FOR REGISTRATION:

- Please have your Summer 2021 Pre-camp Health Screening Form completed and available before arriving to camp.
- Your camper should be seated near a vehicle window for a temperature check upon arriving to camp.
- Parents/guardians/family will not be allowed to exit their vehicle during registration unless you need to see the Nurse.
- If you need to see the Nurse, you will wait in your vehicle in a designated parking area until a Staff person comes and gets you. Before leaving your vehicle, parent and camper will put on a mask. One parent/guardian and camper will meet with the Nurse. Please have any medications with you.
- Bathroom facilities will not be available.
- Girls will be dropped off at the bottom of Girl's Hill with luggage.
- Boys will be dropped off outside of their cabin with luggage.
- You will not be allowed out of your vehicle to move your camper into the dorm. Our Staff and counselors will assist your camper with their luggage.

NEW PROTOCOLS DURING THE WEEK:

- The camp will be divided into 4 cohorts, with a maximum of 18 campers, 3 counselors and 3 summer staff. The cohorts will be comprised of three cabin groups. These cohorts will be independent of others at camp throughout the week and will remain separate during the three meals each day, morning program, afternoon program, and evening program. At night, they will divide into their three cabin groups.
- Masks will be worn inside except while sleeping at night.
- Bunkmate requests are possible through our online registration system. Limit requests to two other campers. We will try to honor your request, but there is no guarantee.
- Meals will be picked up in the dining hall with everyone wearing masks, then will be brought outside to eat in designated cohort areas. We will have covered areas in case of weather issues.
- There will be camp wide COVID testing once during the week. If your camper tests positive, runs a fever over 100.3, or is symptomatic, your camper will be isolated from others (besides the Nurse), and you will be contacted immediately to come and pick up your camper. All other parents of campers in the cohort will be notified.

NEW PROTOCOLS FOR PICK UP:

- After arriving at camp, you will be directed in a carpool line where you will pick up your child and luggage. If you leave your vehicle to assist with your child's luggage, please put on a mask before leaving the vehicle.
- The Mikell store and bathrooms will not be available.

As always, we will stay informed of new developments or guidelines issued by the CDC, the ACA, state and local leaders, and the Diocese of Atlanta. We will share any updates or changes to these protocols with you as soon as they are confirmed, and you can always refer to the date of materials we've shared to know what information is most recent.

The safety of your camper, and the safety of the camper's family once camp is over, is important in our approach to running camp this summer. It is our hope that these guidelines will only be for this summer. We understand that some families may have issues with some of our new protocols, but we are confident that we are complying with guidelines and best practices being used widely in many camps this summer. We are always happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Finally, we thank you in advance for your honest compliance with these protocols and guidelines. We are excited to be able to welcome campers back this summer, and the safety of everyone in our community depends on all of us complying with these new procedures.

Thank you,

The Rev. Kenneth C. Struble
Executive Director, Camp Mikell

Michael McAuliffe
Chair of the Mikell Board of Governors



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Summer 2021 COVID Protocols

The Mikell Staff has been working to develop new standards and protocols to implement for Summer 2021. These health safety and risk management measures are in line with recommendations from the Diocesan COVID Task Force and resources from the American Camp Association (ACA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Testing Protocols and Requirements

- All campers, Dean's Staff and counselors must receive a negative COVID test within 72 hours before coming to camp. Everyone will be required to provide proof of those results upon entering camp.
- All Permanent Staff, Summer Staff and Nurses must take a rapid test and receive a negative result the morning before the start of a new camp session.
- Summer Staff, Permanent Staff, Nurses, Dean's Staff, counselors, and campers will agree to adhere to quarantine procedures 10 days before coming to camp. This means staying home and only interacting with your immediate family or cohort.
- Everyone will be tested at least once during camp.
- If a camper or counselor tests positive, has a fever of 100.4 or above, or is otherwise showing symptoms, they will immediately be quarantined and interact only with the Nurse, Staff Leaders and/or the Director until a parent/guardian comes to pick them up.
- Parents/guardians of campers/counselors in the cohort of someone who tests positive will be notified that someone in the cohort tested positive.

Camp Operations

- Each camp session will be divided into 4 cohorts consisting of a maximum of 18 campers, 3 Summer Staff members and 3 counselors, with no interaction between cohorts.

- These cohorts will function independently for morning program, afternoon program, evening program and during meals and canteen. They will be assigned counselors, Summer Staff and Dean's Staff that will remain with that cohort for the entire week.
- Requests for campers to be in the same cohort will be handled via bunkmate/cabin requests, which are possible through our online registration system. Please limit requests to two other campers. We will try to honor your request, but there is no guarantee.
- Each cohort will have their own designated supplies for Rec, Art, and other activities throughout the session.
- The only people that will interact between the cohorts are the two Staff Leaders, two Counselor Coordinators, the Nurse, the Director (Ken Struble) and Summer Camp Assistant (Anna Dinwiddie). They will wear N95 masks when they are around anyone inside or outside during the week.

Drop-off and Pick-up Guidelines

- To minimize risk of parents/guardians exposing the camp community, registration/drop-off and pick-up will be drive-through only.
- All camp registration forms (General Health Form, Liability Form, Rules Form, COVID Waiver) and financial obligations must be received before camp. The Pre-Camp COVID Screening Form (with record of camper temperature tracking 10 days before camp) and proof of negative test results within 72 hours before camp must be brought to registration.
- If someone needs to see the Nurse with special needs or to drop off medication, they must wait in their car until advised by a Staff member. All parents/guardians will meet one at a time with the Nurse and must wear a mask during this interaction.
- The Mikell store and bathrooms will not be available during Drop-off and Pick-up.
- All protocols will be followed in the same way even if an individual is vaccinated.

Camp Personnel

- Summer Staff will have strict guidelines to follow while at camp and away from camp between sessions.
- During nights off, Summer Staff will only be allowed to go to town with people in their cohort and can only go through a drive-through or get gas for their vehicle. Counselors are never allowed to leave camp (as per previous summers' rules). Summer Staff and counselors from different cohorts will not be allowed to interact if they have common rest periods or nights off.

- All Permanent Staff will be required to wear masks when inside buildings and when around other personnel.

Additional Safety Measures:

- Inside spaces will be ventilated while occupied, and masks will be worn in all inside spaces (including the cabin) except while sleeping at night.
- Camper numbers per dorm/cabin will be limited to allow 6 feet of space between each sleeping area.
- Lunchroom-style trays will be used so that all dining can be outside within cohorts.
- All camp supplies will be ordered ahead of time using online delivery services in order to reduce trips into town as much as possible. When a trip is required, it will be done by the Staff Leaders or the Director.

Just like every summer, the safety of our campers, counselors, and Staff are our first priority. At the same time, we believe we can create a worthwhile summer experience despite the additional challenges, and we are working our hardest to make that a reality. In fact, we believe more than ever that kids need our ministry of being in community away from home in order to foster their development as young people. We are confident in our Staff's ability to be creative with activities and discover new ways to have fun, grow, and engage in spiritual formation, all while protecting the health of those placed in our care.

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, a national emergency by the President of the United States, and a state emergency by the Governor of Georgia. **COVID-19 IS EXTREMELY CONTAGIOUS** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact.

Mikell Camp and Conference Center and _____ (“Camp Mikell” or the “Camp”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 at the Camp. However, by signing this agreement, I acknowledge that Camp Mikell **cannot guarantee** that my child will not become infected with COVID-19 while attending the Camp, and that attending the Camp and participating in the programs and services offered **could increase** my child’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the extremely contagious nature of COVID-19 and, on behalf of my child and my family, voluntarily assume the risk that my child may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Camp, with possible further exposure to me and our family, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal or bodily injury, illness, temporary or permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 either by entering the Camp or by participating in the programs offered there may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and/or others, including, but not limited to, Camp Mikell, the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, the Episcopal Church, _____ their educators, staff, ministers, employees, or volunteers (collectively, **“Mikell Parties”**).

On behalf of myself, my family, and my child, I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my myself, my family and my child, (including, but not limited to, personal or bodily injury, illness, temporary or permanent disability, and death), damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that my child, my family or I may experience or incur in connection with my child’s attending the Camp or by participating in programs and services offered there (collectively, the **“Claims”**). On my behalf, on behalf of my family, and on behalf of my child, I hereby release and indemnify the Mikell Parties, and each of them, from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto, and covenant not to sue the Day School Parties, or any of them, for any Claims. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Mikell Parties, or any of them, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after my child enters the Camp. I further agree on behalf of myself, my family, and my child that this agreement to assume the risks and to waive the Claims is cumulative of any other rights, remedies, and defenses that the Mikell Parties may have, whether by statute or common law, and is not in lieu of them.

I further understand that the State of Georgia has enacted legislation restricting liability for premises owners such that:

Any person entering the premises waives all civil liability against the premises owner and operator for any injuries caused by the inherent risk associated with contracting COVID-19 at public gatherings, except for gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm, by the individual or entity of the premises.

I understand and agree on behalf of myself, my family, and my child, that this restriction applies to my child’s entry into and stay in the Camp.

I further consent, on behalf of myself, my family, and my child(ren), for Camp Mikell to take my child’s temperature or require a COVID test as a condition to entry into or remaining at the Camp and further acknowledge and agree that Camp Mikell may deny access to the Camp, or require my child to quarantine, if my child has an elevated temperature or a positive COVID TEST, as shown by the temperature test or COVID test, as taken at or at the direction of Camp Mikell.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Pre-Camp COVID Screening Form



For Office Use Only
 Reviewed by: _____
 Date: _____
 Notes: _____
 Further approval required:
 YES NO
 Reason: _____

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Dear Camp families,

In an effort to minimize illness at camp, we ask that you check on the health of your camper daily beginning 10 days prior to camp. The best camp sessions start with healthy campers, and this begins at home. **Please bring this completed form to camp on registration day.**

Camper Name: _____ **Camp Session:** _____

Please indicate if your camper has any of the following symptoms prior to camp, and record their temperature daily. If any temperature or symptoms are present, please have your camper evaluated by a licensed provider and contact camp for further guidance.

Symptoms:

- _____ Cough
- _____ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- _____ Fever
- _____ Chills
- _____ Muscle pain
- _____ Sore throat
- _____ New loss of taste or smell
- _____ Nausea
- _____ Vomiting
- _____ Diarrhea

Please Initial

1. My child has not been around anyone with any of the listed symptoms or diagnosis of COVID19 in the 10 days before the start of camp. **Initial** _____
2. No one in our household has been sick in the 10 days prior to camp. **Initial** _____
3. My child has not traveled by air or traveled out of state in the 10 days prior to camp. **Initial** _____
4. My child has adhered to our state's guidelines regarding COVID19. **Initial** _____

Start date of temperature/symptom screening: _____	Day:	10	9	8	7	6
	Temperature / Symptoms					
	Day:	5	4	3	2	1
	Temperature / Symptoms					

Our signatures indicate that we completed this health screening daily for 10 days prior to camp and to the best of our ability. We understand that arriving to camp healthy is vital to a healthy camp experience for everyone.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Camper Signature: _____ **Date:** _____