

Updated COVID-19 Policies and Procedures for Summer 2022 at Camp Blue Diamond

We extend our sincere appreciation for your patience and support of Camp Blue Diamond throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The support you have shown, has allowed Camp Blue Diamond to remain a place where children can come to learn the skills that help them develop into more well-rounded Christian adults.

While the summer camp experience was slightly different in 2021, each camper that was blessed to spend time at Camp Blue Diamond had meaningful experiences that deepened their understanding of God, and their connection to creation. We are also pleased to report that through our cooperative mitigation strategies, Camp Blue Diamond did not have a single Covid case all summer.

As we move toward summer camp 2022, we know the pandemic is still a part of our lives. However, we are pleased that case counts are much lower and mitigation strategies are easing. From the very beginning of the pandemic, Camp Blue Diamond has always put the safety of our campers and their families at the front of every decision we have made. We have also followed the guidance of the American Camp Association through their field guide in conjunction with the CDC. We will continue to follow the guidance laid out by these two organizations as we move forward.

With new guidelines, summer 2022 at Camp Blue Diamond will look similar to pre-pandemic summers of the past. The protocols and changes from summer 2021 are explained below:

- Anyone experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not come to camp without proper physician clearance and a negative COVID test. If a camper gets sick before arriving at Camp Blue Diamond and is unable to attend their scheduled camp, we will work with the family to find an alternate camp later in the summer or provide you with a refund.
- Registration will be similar to the past with everyone meeting together for registration and staff introductions.
 - We will not be administering COVID-19 tests to everyone upon arrival at Camp Blue Diamond. There will be a series of health-related questions and a temperature check. Questions will be sent in the pre-camp email. If an answer is yes to any question please contact camp prior to arrival to ensure compliance with entrance requirements.
- Many activities will still happen outside. This includes most meals when possible, singing and other activities that involve the entire group.
- Masks will be optional. We encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so at any time.
- Increased sanitation and hygienic procedures will remain in place. Common areas will be cleaned and sanitized frequently and additional handwashing stations will be in place.
- Health checks throughout the week will continue and campers will be encouraged to report any illnesses immediately.
- More activities will continue to happen outdoors whenever possible.
 - We will again have a large tent outside the lodge for additional dry and shady space.
- Some meals will be served cafeteria while some will return to the traditional family style.
 - The values including, manners, sharing, food waste, community and more, that are learned around the table are invaluable to the growth of the campers.

We are looking forward to an even more normal summer in 2022. Campers will not even notice the slight changes we have in place to make the summer as safe as possible. While we don't anticipate the need to change any of these policies, all policies and procedures will be continuously reviewed, and changes will be made as needed. Parents will be notified if any changes are made. We thank you for your ongoing support of Camp Blue Diamond. If you have any questions, please contact us at campbluediamond@verizon.net or (814) 667-2355.