

Alpine Camp – Summer Update – January 2021

Dear Alpine Parents,

Greetings from Lookout Mountain and Happy 2021! The days are officially getting longer now, and we cannot wait to see you driving back through the gates.

As we move towards Summer 2021 we will begin more regular communication with you about camp plans. Camp is definitely happening this summer! And yet we know there will be some necessary changes.

Below are a few topics that we feel are important to share at this time. These policies will be evolving as we have more information. We are working closely with the American Camp Association and our Alpine medical team to make this a safe, healthy, and fun-filled summer.

Travel

We will be allowing boys to fly to camp via the Birmingham airport. Transport will be available for these boys, with Alpine chaperones, per usual. Masks will be required at all times. Our travel will once again be coordinated by travel agents and camp parents, Sam and Janie Giffin (samrgiffin@gmail.com).

We will not have an option for non-flying campers to ride the bus from the Birmingham airport to camp. Only boys who need to fly in will be transported. We will also not be chartering buses to Jackson, MS at the end of 2nd Term.

Late Arrivals and Leaving During Camp

We will create a semi-bubble atmosphere this summer to limit the spread of communicable disease. As such, no late arrivals can be accommodated for Summer of 2021. Also, we will not be allowing campers to leave during camp for outside events.

Cancellation Policies

As a reminder, please re-read our cancellation policies below, taken from the 2021 Camper Application. These will apply even if you decide to cancel at the last minute for concerns over COVID.

2021 Payment Schedule and Cancellation Policy

- \$750 due with application (unless using 2020 rollover funds); (**must be received within 30 days of application date for application to be valid**); refundable through February 1 (less a \$100 processing fee).
- An additional \$750 due February 1; refundable through May 1.
- Remaining full balance due May 1.
- No refunds on cancellations received after May 1.
- There is no refund for late arrivals or early departures.

Terms and Conditions

We also want to reiterate one particular point from the terms and conditions of the 2021 Camper Application. While we are taking reasonable steps to mitigate community spread of germs, we are not able to guarantee that campers will avoid contracting any communicable disease.

Visitors

To facilitate our bubble atmosphere at camp and limit the spread of disease, no visitors will be allowed during the Summer of 2021.

Opening and Closing Day

There will be some necessary changes to drop off and pick up this summer. Consistent with American Camp Association guidelines, parents will drop off and pick up in designated areas, at their vehicles. On Opening Day, staff will be available to transfer luggage to the cabins. Your son's counselor will meet you at the vehicle. Other necessary steps such as a health check, medication collection, visit with the directors, will be done in a drive through manner as you arrive at camp.

Face Coverings

Though it is too soon to make a definitive policy on face coverings, it is possible that campers and staff may be required to wear a gaiter or mask at times this summer. We will follow CDC, American Camp Association, and state and local guidance for this decision. And we hope to utilize them as little as possible.

Testing

We are working closely with our camp medical team and the American Camp Association to determine the best way to utilize COVID testing. We will make ongoing assessments as new technology becomes available and keep you updated on testing requirements.

Vaccines

Currently the only authorized COVID-19 vaccines are not recommended for children under 16. If one is approved and widely available prior to camp, we will make an assessment at that time.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility. Undoubtedly, this is the most anticipated Alpine Opening Day of all time! How good it will be to see friends reunited on the mountain and to welcome new campers into the Alpine family.

Warm regards,

Glenn and Carter Breazeale
Directors