



Robin Hood Camp

Protocols for Summer 2021

We are proud to have been one of only 10% of overnight camps in the U.S. in 2020 to open successfully and remain COVID free for the entire season. It was meaningful to watch campers play, laugh, interact with peers, and experience joy and a semblance of normalcy in the middle of a pandemic. While there was not a 100% guarantee that a camper or staffer would contract the virus, we found an effective strategy to balance caution with joy.

The good news is that the war against COVID is being won in Maine, with herd immunity projected to be accomplished by the end of May, thanks to vaccine availability to all Mainers by the middle of May. As a result, the Maine CDC has already loosened some protocols and we anticipate the announcement of easing more protocols before camp.

Caution and health safety will continue to be our top priority and we will update you further if and when protocols change.

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Pre-Camp Preparedness

The U.S. Center for Disease Control, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, and the American Camping Association guidelines inform the following procedures for opening camp safely, by limiting communal group sizes and restricting exposure to the community, adopting special sanitation procedures and monitoring the health of campers and staff on a continual basis.

- Prior to arrival, parents are asked to pre-screen and journal their camper's health for 10 days using a supplied questionnaire, checking temperature, assessing general health and monitoring for possible symptoms. This helps ensure that campers arrive healthy. This needs to be turned in upon arrival.
- All campers and staff will be required to complete a COVID-19 diagnostic test within three days of arrival by emailing scanned or photographed test results to robinhood@robinhoodcamp.com or by cell phone photo and emailed.
- Camp will assist families with the logistics of this process and the type of recommended test, as this technology continues to advance.
- We ask all campers to arrive with a small backpack to carry: four high quality multi-ply washable masks with name labels attached or written in clearly. Disposable masks are not acceptable. One thing we learned last summer is that campers lost a lot of masks. Also required are a water bottle clearly name marked, a container of hand-sanitizer, insect repellent, sunscreen, a towel, comb or hairbrush. All items must be clearly marked with the camper's names.
- Face mask protocol: The only time masks will be required is when social distancing is difficult and at risk of being compromised when campers are outside of their "neighborhood" (more below). Campers can wear a mask at any time if this helps them feel more comfortable. Our goal is to minimize the need for face masks as much as possible when outdoors and during activities.

Arrival at Camp

We prefer, but do not require, parents to deliver their campers to camp, if at all possible, to ensure travel goes well and safely. We are offering limited airport pickups in Boston, Bangor, Portland, and Bar Harbor airports for those parents not able to travel with their children.

- **If dropping off at camp:** Parents are required to arrive and check-in at Topnotch, the director's home, and not drive into camp. Parents and visitors are not allowed inside camp at any time this summer. At Topnotch you will be greeted by members of our arrivals team who

will help unload luggage and bring campers to pick up their uniforms. A member of the health care team will receive the 14-day assessment, take the camper's temperature and do a quick health assessment. Parents should give children goodbye hugs and kisses at this point and counselors will take campers down to their cabins by golf cart or van shuttle.

- **Regarding airport pickups:** If possible, we ask campers and parents to fly into a Maine airport to avoid potential quarantine complications. If parents are flying with their campers it is possible and recommended for you to hand off your camper at the airport terminal and our driver will take them back to camp.

Again, parents and visitors will not be allowed in camp at all this season. Only campers and staff will reside on camp property this summer, and daytime visits of essential workers will be carefully monitored.

Counselor Staff

- All counselors and staffers must be tested for the coronavirus within 72 hours of arrival at camp, unless vaccinated, and provide proof of negative testing by scanning and emailing the test document or proof of vaccine to robinhood@robinhoodcamp.com or by cell phone photo and emailed. Counselors arriving from coronavirus hot spot locations will be kept separate from the other counselors and be medically assessed twice daily by the healthcare team before being allowed to interact with and join the counselor group unless fully vaccinated.
- Counselors must arrive at least 12 days before the first campers arrive. Counselors will not be allowed to leave camp property or interact with anyone outside the Robin Hood community unless vaccinated, or under strict protocol guidelines. Counselors must absolutely wear a mask at all times and socially distance when they are out of camp.

Camp Life

In accordance with best practices recommended by the ACA and Maine CDC, campers will spend most of their time in a subset group, which we call "neighborhoods," among the Robin Hood community. A neighborhood will consist of groupings of cabins by age group. Camper groups will be static, and campers will not mingle outside their neighborhoods. On the rare occasions the entire camp meets together indoors, social distancing will take place and masks will be worn. Outdoor camp meeting will require masks when social distancing is difficult.

- **In the cabins:** On arrival days campers will be taken to their cabins, choose their beds, and unpack. Bedding will be arranged head to toe. Our goal is to immediately immerse campers into activities, interact with camper peers, have fun, enjoy playing outside and feel a more normalized experience.
- **Robin Hood “neighborhoods”:** The neighborhood requirement is meant to lessen the possibility of group contagion and to make contact-tracing easier should anyone test positive for the coronavirus. Campers and counselors will be assigned to a group based on age, cabin group and siblings in the same group for family support and ease of interaction. The groups will not interact directly during the day except under exceptional and controlled circumstances where social distancing is difficult, such as group meetings. During these moments campers and staff will be required to wear face masks.
- **Sports equipment:** There is wisdom, but not a requirement, for campers to bring their some of their own personal equipment, such as a tennis racquet, horseback riding or skateboard helmets. We recommend, but do not require, a personal flotation vest, with the camper’s name marked. Please clearly mark on all sports equipment.
- **Sanitation:** Enhanced disinfection and sanitation will be a hallmark of summer 2021. Camp staff will be enlisted in daily sanitation of living spaces and making sure activity sites and equipment are wiped down and cleaned after each use. In addition, a special sanitation team will routinely clean public areas using CDC-approved solutions. Additional handwashing stations are being installed throughout camp.

Dining

Before being allowed to enter the Locksley Hall dining room, campers must wash their hands with soap and hot water at the sink to the left of the front door. Counselors will make sure campers wash thoroughly before lining up six feet apart. A limited number of people will be seated in the dining room at a time and will enter with their assigned neighborhood. The dining room has a capacity of 225 so maintaining social distancing will not be a problem. On nice days we will also have outdoor seating available for dining al fresco. Tables and surfaces will all be sanitized before and after each seating.

Activities

A hallmark of Robin Hood life has been the complete freedom for campers to choose their activities and get what they sign up for. This freedom and empowerment will continue this summer as always. Social distancing, and avoiding interaction with other neighborhoods, will be unusual but manageable

and with imagination, fun. All activities will be offered this summer, and some will be modified to conform with safety requirements.

- **Trips:** There will be a more expansive trip program allowed this season that will include trips to Acadia National Park and Mt. Katahdin, more camping trips, boating out to uninhabited islands, getting up close to seals, fishing on local ponds, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, windsurfing, sailing in the ocean bay and on our large lake, having beach parties by neighborhood, and more. There will be plenty of opportunities to get away from our downtown camp routine to keep life fresh and interesting.
- **Challenge program:** Our challenge program will resume back to normalcy, without restrictions, and will include the across-the-lake swim, the across-the-lake paddle, the 1K, 5K and Around- the-Lake running Challenges and the Bagaduce River One-day Canoe Challenge. There will be a Survival Challenge, a Fitness Challenge, and a Challenge Club to see who can do the most activities and challenges during their session.

Health and Wellness: Protocols for suspected infection

Robin Hood has two spacious Infirmaries. The newest is located in the center of camp and houses our nursing staff, an examination room, and a bunk room for naps and overnight stays. Our other Infirmary is isolated on the periphery of camp next to the entrance gate to camp. This will be where anyone with suspicious symptoms will be taken to be tested quickly for the coronavirus. It is also possible the camper will be taken for quick testing at the emergency room of our local hospital, depending upon time of day and level of symptoms.

Parents will be called and informed when a precautionary test is being taken. If the test is taken at camp, the sample will immediately be taken to a nearby hospital lab and results will be reported within 24 hours in most cases. As soon as we know the results parents will be called immediately and informed. If the test proves negative the camper will be released back into the community.

If the result is positive the camper will be isolated and quarantined in the back room of our remote infirmary that has a private bathroom and shower. If the camper is asymptomatic or has only mild symptoms an assigned staffer will escort the camper to limited activities away from the community such as swimming, canoeing, hiking, or picnicking on our private oceanside beach. We will do our best for them to feel as normalized as possible. Campers who test positive will not be required to leave the Robin Hood community. The camper will be fed, sleep, and reside in the Old Infirmary until the camper sheds the virus and tests negative. If a child tests negative and does not feel well they will be kept at the Infirmary and closely monitored. Our camp doctor of many years, Dr. Bart Clayton, has office hours in camp multiple times a week, and we have access to him daily for consultation and guidance. If a camper tests positive, we will immediately arrange for all campers in their cabin to be contact-trace tested.

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Robin Hood will be a controlled, mindful and low risk place to be. At the same time, we will be fun and joyful and contribute to refreshing spirits for a few weeks before going back to school.