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# CAMP KAWAGA 2021 PLAYBOOK



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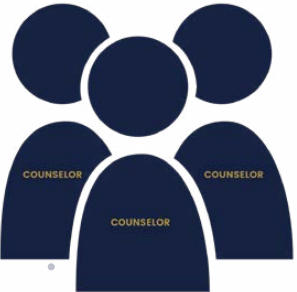
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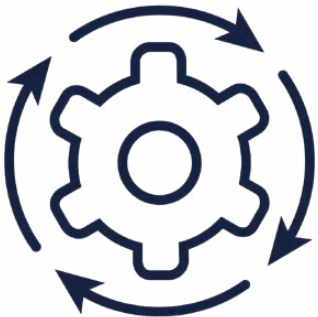
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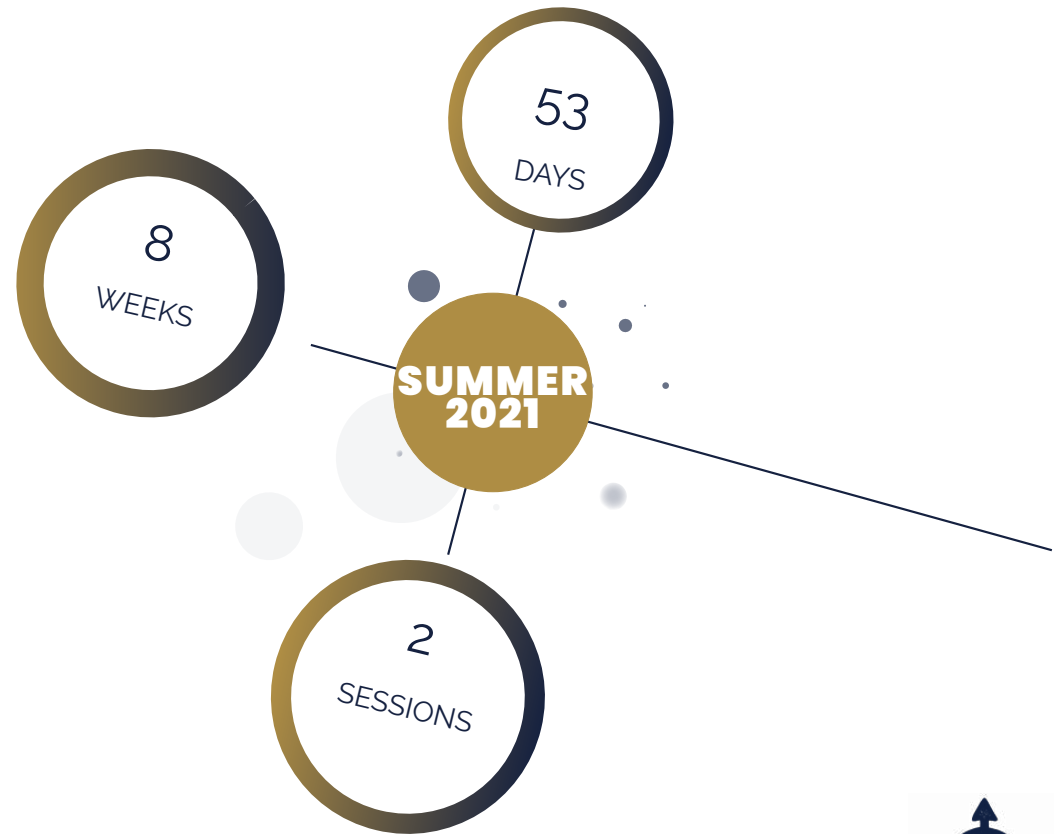


# INTRODUCTION

In the summer of 2020, Kawaga “stood up in the storm”; we successfully operated camp according to agreed-upon protocols, based on the latest data and guidelines, allowing our campers to continue making memories and accomplishing personal goals. No question: it was a challenge, but we were determined to give our boys the gift of Kawaga, which has remained open for 106 consecutive years.

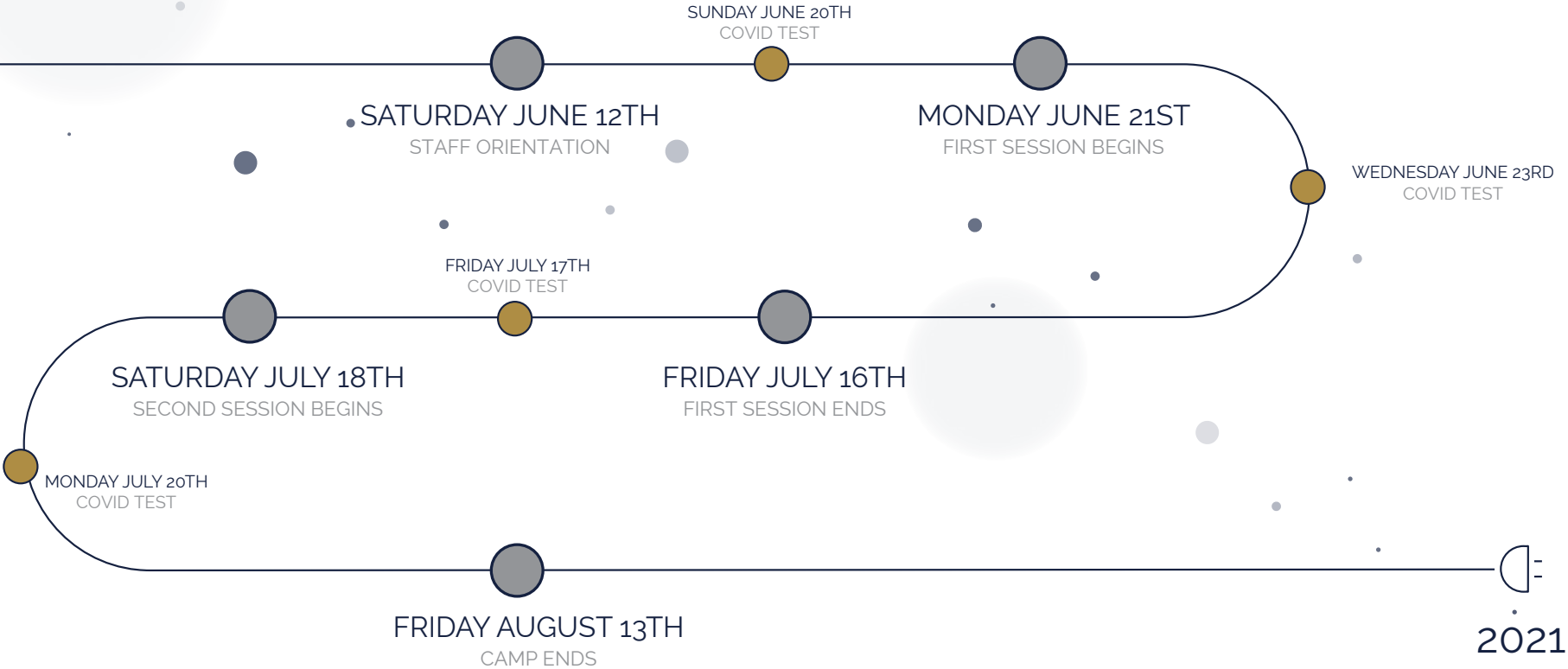
We’re ready for the summer of 2021. Leveraging our experience from last summer, and the science-based knowledge we’ve gained now more than a year into this pandemic, we are excited to share with you our plans for the summer of 2021.

The pages that follow detail how we’ll operate camp this summer to assure our campers’ and staff’s health and safety and to comply with the guidelines and protocols set forth by the CDC, the ACA, American Academy of Pediatrics, the State of Wisconsin, and Oneida County.



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CAMP DATES

# CAMP AND TESTING DATES



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### HEALTH AND SCREENING

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The following provides an overview of Kawaga's health protocols for the summer of 2021. In consultation with our Medical Advisory Team and outside experts, we may adjust our health protocols as we continue to review the latest data and guidance from public health officials. We also strongly recommend that campers and staff consult with their own physicians. Be assured that the health and well-being of our campers, staff, local community, and the communities to where our campers will return are our highest priority.

## Testing and Pre-Camp Screening

We will be testing campers for Covid prior to their arrival and at the beginning of each session. We have secured agreements with testing companies, including SHIELD, to provide PCR and rapid antigen testing for our campers and staff for the duration of the summer. These companies are highly recommended, appropriate for camp and children, and have ensured availability at the following times:

**Day Zero** - The day prior to campers' arrival. Campers will be tested at a site in Chicago area or with an at home PCR test.

On **day three** of each session, all campers and staff will

be tested. We expect the results to take 24-48 hours to arrive. If all campers and staff are negative, we will start our regular programming without cohorts.

**As Needed:** Camp will have PCR and rapid antigen testing at camp available for anyone showing symptoms. Tests will be completed at camp by our medical staff.

In order to minimize risk, we request that all campers, especially those who have not been fully vaccinated, remain as vigilant as reasonably possible from contact outside their households (especially those who have not been vaccinated) beginning three days to the start of the session. Once tested (as all campers are required to be), we request that unvaccinated campers quarantine prior to testing.

Please contact Ty if your son has tested positive in the past 90 days.

**For the Shield test taking place in the Chicago area:**

campers are not allowed to eat or drink 1 hour prior to the test. Doing so will impact the accuracy of the test.

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### HEALTH AND SCREENING

#### Testing Locations

##### **Suburban Location (available from 9am - 2pm):**

Embassy Suites Deerfield  
1445 Lake Cook Road  
Deerfield, IL 60015

##### **City Location (available from 8am-12pm):**

2184 N. Elston  
Chicago, IL  
(Behind Bubbles Academy)

#### **Ongoing Screening and Camp Protocols**

Kawaga will continue with daily clinical screening and tracking each camper and staff. To assist with the promotion of physical distancing, campers and staff will be divided into smaller groups at the start of each session. We expect that camp will operate within cohorts for at least the first 4 days of each session, but we may revise protocols as we continue to assess new data that becomes available from the ACA, CDC, and state and local health

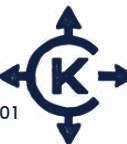
officials.

Changes to Kawaga's protocols while camp is in session will be relayed to families before they are implemented.

Kawaga will provide supplies to promote and support healthy hygiene practices as recommended by the ACA and CDC. Specifically, we will supply sanitation stations throughout camp and post signage to promote frequent hands washing and other healthy-hygiene practices.

#### **Screening Post Camp**

Families have the option to have their son(s) tested at camp prior to any campers leaving camp. If you are interested in having your son tested before they return home, you must notify camp at the start of the session your camper is attending.



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### HEALTH AND SCREENING

#### **If Someone Has Symptoms...**

If a camper or staff member feels unwell, they will be evaluated for symptoms that could indicate a Covid infection, such as fever, loss of smell, cough, runny nose, nausea, etc. If they have a fever or two or more symptoms are present, they will be contained in private lodging on camp grounds and tested.

If a camper or staff member has a fever yet tests negative for Covid via an on site rapid antigen test, we will follow up with a PCR and send it to our lab partners for confirmation. We will monitor him for any other symptoms and will only return him to his cabin if his full recovery, which would include being fever-free for a minimum of 24 hours.

If a camper or staff member has a fever, we will check all members of their cabin for a fever and other symptoms.

We will be mindful of campers who have allergies or present other symptoms that are not Covid-related.

#### **If There is a Confirmed Case of Covid...**

That camper or staff member will be moved to the designated quarantine area at camp in a separate cabin.

If a positive case is suspected, we will begin monitoring for symptoms within the cabin and full cohort.

If a positive case is confirmed, all members of the cabin would be re-screened and/or tested with an Antigen test at camp.

Our camp medical professionals will confer with the camper's family to determine plans for care at camp. You will be able to speak with your child at this time.

A camper or staff member can rejoin their cabin once the CDC quarantine and recovery guidelines are met (currently 10 days after infection).





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### HEALTH AND SCREENING

#### Recovery and Travel

While a camper is at camp with a positive case of Covid we strongly suggest this camper stays at camp. We will work with each family and ultimately yield to your preference should you want to pick him up. But our strong suggestion is to let him ride this out at camp.

#### Masks

If your son will be flying, he must wear a mask in airports and on planes at all times. Campers and counselors will also be required to wear masks at the bus stop, as they board the bus, and until they're seated and the bus counselor lets them know they may remove their mask. Because campers will be riding on buses with only other members of their cohort (campers and counselors), they will not be required to wear masks during the bus ride to camp. All counselors will have been vaccinated. As a precaution, it is advised that campers bring 10 masks to camp.



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If there is a confirmed positive case of Covid, we will notify all campers' families by email while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). We are not able to share any names or identifying information regarding medical information for any camper or staff member.

Parents of the campers in the cabin where a positive case was identified will be updated on their own child's health, along with how the situation is being monitored and managed.

We are required to notify state and local health officials of any confirmed positive test.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

We would love for you to follow us across our platforms to stay up to date all year round with the latest from Kawaga.

Follow us on:

- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/campkawaga>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/campkawaga>
- Twitter <https://twitter.com/CampKawaga>
- Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/kawaga>

#### VIDEOS – [www.vimeo.com/kawaga](http://www.vimeo.com/kawaga)

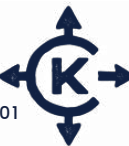
Video updates will be published on our Vimeo page and cross posted on social media.

#### BLOG POSTS – <https://kawaga.com/news/>

Throughout the summer we will offer summaries of events that took place that week (an average of 4 posts a week). These will include "Ty's Takes" (reflective and relevant stories of the magic we get to see at camp), "Lauren's Letters" (Camp through the eyes of our camp Mom!), Saturday "sermons" (written sermons from our staff delivered during our Saturday service), Pineneedle Articles (written for the camp newspaper on a weekly basis). All are a great way to follow along with the action taking place on The Shores.



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### TRAVEL TO CAMP

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## Travel By Bus

Campers will need to have a negative test result in order to board the bus. Dropoff times at the bus site will be staggered on an hourly basis. We will inform you of your dropoff time in advance, and we ask that you do not arrive or leave your car until your scheduled departure time. Please do not be late as the bus departures will be staggered.

Campers will be traveling within their cohorts on the bus. Parents must remain in their vehicles at all times; campers must remain in their vehicles until it is time to board.

As previously stated, campers and counselors will also be required to wear masks at the bus stop, as they board the bus, and until they're seated and the bus counselor lets them know they may remove their mask. Because campers will be riding on buses with only other members of their cohort (campers and counselors), they will not be required to wear masks during the bus ride to camp.

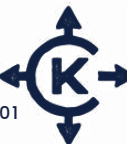
Campers should pack a (nut-free) lunch, snack, and drink for the bus ride. Buses will not make any stops for food. There is a bathroom on board.

We request that parents take their son's temperature before leaving for the bus site. Do not bring your camper to the bus if his temperature is over 100°.

We will take campers' temperatures before the buses depart. Campers with a temperature of 100° or higher will need to return home; therefore, parents must stay at the bus site until their camper has boarded.

The following protocols will be implemented by our private charter company:

- Drivers are required to wear masks and gloves for the duration of the trip.
- Drivers will exercise physical distancing by being the last to board and first to exit.
- A barrier will be installed around the driver.
- The buses will be sanitized before campers and counselors board.
- The number of passengers will be limited on each bus to allow for proper physical distancing, including leaving the two front rows empty.



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### TRAVEL TO CAMP

#### Travel By Plane

All flights must arrive in Chicago the day before the session begins.

All campers flying to Chicago are required to land no later than 11am the day before their sessions begins for COVID testing.

First Session: 11am Sunday, June 20th

Second Session: 11am Saturday, July 17th

All families are responsible for finding accommodations the night prior to the session start date. If you need assistance, please contact [parents@kawaga.com](mailto:parents@kawaga.com).

For those non-Chicago families who will be coming to Chicago before the buses depart, we've reserved a block of rooms at the Embassy Suites in Deerfield, which is where our suburban testing will be located. Here's a [link](#) to book your room with our discount code.

N-95 masks will be sent to all campers and family members planning on flying. Masks are required at all times during the flight and at the airport.

Temperatures will be taken at the departing airport before parents may depart. Campers with a temperature of 100° or higher will not be able to fly.

#### Travel By Car

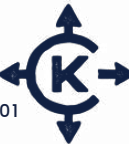
Only for special circumstances and families living in Wisconsin or Minnesota.

Any family considering dropping off their son(s) at camp must receive prior approval from the camp office no later than June 1st. We will only allow drop-offs for special circumstances and for campers from Wisconsin or Minnesota. Campers getting dropped off at camp must receive a negative PCR Covid test within 48 hours of arrival.

We request that parents take their camper's temperature before leaving their home for the drive to camp. Do not send your camper to camp if his temperature is over 100°.

Upon arrival at camp, we will take campers' temperatures before parents may depart. Campers with a temperature of 100° or higher will not be permitted to enter camp.

Staff will be on-site to direct traffic. Please do not get out of your car until directed.



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Parents will not be allowed into camp beyond the parking lot.

Please return to your car after saying goodbye to your camper and wait for a staff member's signal that your camper is successfully checked-in and you are clear to depart.



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PROGRAM

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### Cohorts

An essential tool for public health is cohort (aka pods) grouping. Cabins will operate as a “family” with approximately 6-10 campers and staff per cabin, depending on the physical size of the cabin (Kawaga’s youngest and oldest campers live in larger cabins). Outside the cabin, the cohorts will be organized by age and comprise approximately 50 boys each. Activities will be modified to comply with these smaller groupings whenever possible. When different cohorts do come physically close to each other, minimum physical distancing and/or use of face coverings will be required.

We anticipate Kawaga to operate within cohorts for the first 4 days of each session.

### Around Camp

For the first few days of each session, campers and staff will travel to all activities, meals, and gatherings by cabin and cohort. Campers and counselors will only be allowed in their own cabins this summer.

Masks will not be required when cohorts are in close proximity to each other and we will maintain distance

during the first few days. Campers and staff will only be required to wear masks if there are extenuating circumstances that require them to leave camp.

### Day and Overnight Trips

We are excited to reintroduce our campers to outdoor camping experiences this summer. For the majority of our campers, this means utilizing our new and existing land for overnight trips. For our older campers, trips outside of camp are being planned. All trips are being planned in accordance with ACA policies and with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; campers and staff will not be interacting with members of the public, and all trips will adhere to Kawaga’s Covid policies.

At this time, we do not plan on having competitions or socials with other camps; nor will we have any time of camper excursions this summer.



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## Visitor Policy

A strict "No Visitors" policy means that (with few and only special-circumstance exceptions) only campers and staff will be allowed onto camp property. Tours for prospective families will not be offered, and our traditional Visiting Weekend has been canceled for 2021.

In lieu of our traditional Visiting Weekend, we will be allowing all of our eight week campers a virtual call with their families. Details about this process will be released closer to the summer.



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STAFF

# STAFF



## Staff Preparation

In addition to our regular comprehensive training for our staff, their orientation will focus on hygiene, adjusted camp protocols, our healthcare plan, and their role in monitoring symptoms and expectations for responsibly adhering to the guidelines.

We expect that 100% of our staff will be vaccinated prior to the start of camp.

## Staff Screening and Testing

All staff will arrive at camp no later than Saturday, June 12th, 9 days before opening day.

Staff symptom screening and temperature checks will be conducted upon arrival and throughout staff orientation.

## Staff Management

Counselors, administrative, and medical staff will not be permitted to leave camp during the summer, except to visit pre-approved, exclusive-use locations.

All camp medical professionals will live onsite. We also have contracted with a tele-health service that will be available to us 24/7.



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# OPERATIONS



## Mail, Package, Other Deliveries, and Vendors

Parents can communicate with their campers using CampMinder's one-way email system called CAMPSTAMPS. This summer, please refrain from sending classic snail mail and packages.

We will have a dropoff point for all deliveries this summer; no delivery trucks will be permitted into camp.

Our staff will try to perform all necessary repairs; however, if a third-party vendor is needed for an essential repair, the worker will be required to follow physical distancing and PPE guidelines set by Kawaga. The work area will be sanitized after the repairs are completed.

## Sanitation Protocols

Sanitation protocols will be in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Hand-sanitizer stations will be provided in every building, cabin, and high-traffic area. Handwashing will be required prior to all meals and snacks.

Tabletop sanitizers will be on all Mess Hall tables and any additional outdoor tables.

Our staff will clean all bathrooms, shared spaces, and highly touched surfaces multiple times each day. Bathrooms will be sanitized frequently throughout the day in between the deep-cleanings to ensure frequently touched surfaces remain clean.

Sports equipment used by each cohort will be sanitized before and after each use.

Additional signage will be posted throughout camp as a reminder of health protocols.

## Food-Service Procedures

When camp is operating within cohorts during the first few days of each session, we plan to eat as many meals as possible spread out on Diamond 1. Campers and staff will remain in their designated cohorts for each meal.

When weather does not allow us to eat outdoors, we will eat in designated indoor areas around camp.

Prior to eating--either outdoors or in the Mess Hall--all staff and campers will be required to properly wash their hands.



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Meals will be served by the staff members within their age group. Staff will be wearing gloves while serving, and self-serve stations will not be available during cohorts.

#### **Bathroom/Showering Procedures**

During the first few days of each session, each cohort will have designated and staggered showering times in order to best leverage our shower facilities.

After each group leaves the showerhouse and bathrooms, all frequently touched surfaces (handles, faucets, shower heads, shower curtains, stall handles, toilets, etc.) will be sanitized.

Each camper will use his own towel; no sharing will be allowed.

A deep-cleaning will take place once in the morning and once again in the evening.

As in years past, we are asking all campers and staff to bring their own toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) and not share with others. Please pack the quantity requested to minimize our need to bring in additional supplies from the outside.

#### **Laundry Procedures**

Laundry will be done once a week throughout the summer. Campers are required to bring their own laundry bags to camp.

On Laundry Day, campers will carry their laundry bags to the designated dropoff area. The laundry company will load the bags into their truck. Laundry will be returned, washed, dried, and labeled in sealed bags.

Laundry company employees will never interact with campers or staff. The vendor will follow all Kawaga-requested guidelines.

#### **Bunking Procedures**

Campers and counselors will only be allowed in their own cabins this summer.

All campers will be arranged "head to foot" to allow for maximum physical distance while sleeping.

Hand sanitizer stations will be placed outside of each cabin door. Signage will remind campers and staff to sanitize every time they enter and leave their cabins.



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RESOURCES

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CDC Guidance for Camps  
ACA 2021 Field Guide  
Kawaga COVID Page



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## 20. CONTACT

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