

# Reopening Camp Wa-Ri-Ki “Safety First”

COVID-19 Compliance  
Process, Policies and Procedures



Outdoor Education, Retreat and Conference Center



## It is our mission...

*...to provide an outdoor experience that offers optimal development of at-risk youth and our communities through recreational, educational and leadership opportunities.*

# Outdoor Education...



Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki is in Washougal, Skamania County, Washington on 18+ acres of beautiful land in the heart of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest along side the Washougal River. We offer programs in four categories: Nature-based Learning; Leadership and Personal Development; Fun, Exploration and Adventure and Outdoor Skills. Many camp activities integrate with local school's STEM and STEAM curriculum.

# Abbreviations and Acronyms

The following abbreviations and acronyms are used throughout the document.

- **ACA:** American Camp Association (Provides camp accreditation and best practice guidance for day and residential camps)
- **CDC:** Centers for Disease Control (Federal)
- **DOH:** Department of Health (Washington State)



# Safety First Principles and Practices



## **COVID-19**

Make decisions informed by current data and select strategies that flattens the curve and reduces virus spread



## **Policies and Procedures**

Implement best practices that adhere to CDC, WA State DOH, County and outdoor education guidelines



## **Programs and Services**

Create programs and offer services that are safe for campers, staff and our communities

# Reopening Decision-making Process – Safety First!

Tracey Gaslin PhD, FNP-BC, CPNP, CRNI, RN-BC is the Executive Director of the Association of Camp Nursing. She provided the following statement as camps across the country begin to reopen. This is advice we will share with campers and their families as participation decisions are made.

“I think the beauty is that in our research (CDC and others) is that we are finding there is no one mask proven better than others for the general population. The research has identified that any two-layered mask, worn correctly, seems to demonstrate the same efficacy in preventing sharing of respiratory secretions. As much as the type of mask is the mechanism of use (covering nose and mouth) and having minimal gaps is an essential part of the prevention activity.”



## Review Current Data and Guidelines

CDC, WA State DOH, Clark and Skamania Counties, ACA, Camas, Washougal and Skamania School Districts



## Establish Policies

Board creates COVID-19 Task Force and approves written policies for admitting campers and partner organizations



## Begin Programs

Targeting March 1, 2021 for reopening including first onsite Camp Wa-Ri-Ki and partner programs

# Reopening Strategies

Modeling and scaling by following → *Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery*

## Washington State DOH

Phased Reopening Requirements

- Phased Reopening revised Feb. 11, 2021
- All Counties are in Phase III as of March 23, 2021
- Clark and Skamania Counties are in the Southwest Region
- State DOH provides specific guidance on outdoor activities and summer camps

## Peer Local Businesses

Skamania County

### Skamania Lodge

- Lodge Adventures, Hiking and sports open “with enhanced safety & sanitary procedures”; pool & spa closed

### Timberlake Campground and RV Park

- Camping open with stall distancing; limited public restroom facilities; store & office closed

## School Reopening

Allowing cohorts =/< 15

- **Skamania School District**
  - K-2; Dec 2020
  - 3-5; Jan 11, 2021 (> #students Jan 25<sup>th</sup> if low incidence)
  - 6-8; Jan 19, 2021
- **Camas School District**
  - K-2 Jan 11, 2021
  - 3 & 6, Feb 1
  - 4-5, Feb 16
  - 7-12 as data allows
- **Washougal School District**
  - K-3; Jan 19, 2021
  - 4-5; Jan 25, 2021
  - 6-12; not yet determined

# Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery\*

## Activities Defined:

**Outdoor Sports and Fitness Establishments:** outdoor fitness organizations, outdoor recreational sports, outdoor pools, outdoor parks and hiking trails, outdoor campsites, outdoor K-12 sports, outdoor sports, outdoor personal training, outdoor dance, outdoor motorsports.

## Allowed Activities:

Low and moderate risk sports permitted for practice and training only (no tournaments). Outdoor guided activities, hunting, skiing, motorsports, parks, camping, hiking, biking, running, snow sports, permitted.

*\*Please see citation slide for link to the full Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery plan.*





# Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

## Risk Reduction Guidance for Day and Resident Camp Activities

Commit to **Lowest Risk** activities at reopening scaling up as allowed by DOH.

- 1. Lowest Risk:** Small groups of campers stay together all day, each day. Campers remain at least 6 feet apart and do not share objects. Outdoor activities are prioritized. All campers are from the local geographic area (e.g., city, town, county, community).
- 2. More Risk:** Campers mix between groups but remain at least 6 feet apart and do not share objects. Outdoor activities are prioritized. All campers are from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).
- 3. Even More Risk:** Campers mix between groups and do not remain spaced apart. All campers are from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).
- 4. Highest Risk:** Campers mix between groups and do not remain spaced apart. All campers are not from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).



Process for Safely Reopening  
Camp Wa-Ri-Ki

# Programs and Services



## Our Programs

Nature-based Learning; Leadership and Personal Development; Fun, Exploration and Adventure and Outdoor Skills



## Virtual and Onsite

Focus on programs that can be offered virtually and/or in-person onsite at camp; Prioritize outdoor activities



## Retreat & Conference Center

Limit partnership usage to family groups or pre-existing small group cohorts. Campsite rentals will be appropriately spaced to meet or exceed social distancing requirements

# Goals and Objectives:

- Target 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades in Camas and Washougal School Districts.
- Design and implement a Counselor-in-Training program to build a leadership pipeline and develop a pool of skilled outdoor education instructors.
- Integration of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and STEAM (STEM plus Arts) activities and life skills programs that meet public school curriculum standards while providing tools for positive human growth.
- Launch the GLOBE program which is sponsored by NASA.
- Re-engage with organizations that regularly partner with Camp Wa-Ri-Ki to meet their organizational goals (i.e., Boys & Girls Clubs; Mariposa, etc.)
- Complete facility and grounds projects to accommodate COVID safety standards (i.e., signage and additional handwashing stations).

# Pre-screening and Compliance Overview



## Temperature

Administered by trained staff before campers enter property. Camper with temperature  $\neq$   $>$  99.0 will not be admitted



## Questionnaire

Camper completes questionnaire identifying potential recent exposure, travel and known COVID-19 infections within their “bubble” (bubble is the term used by CDC to define exposure risk)



## Release & Hold Harmless

Camper signs waiver agreeing to abide by ALL COVID-19 restrictions such as 6’ distance, hand washing, face mask and sanitation best practices



## COVID-19 Guidance

Camper receives written form outlining ways to protect themselves and other campers while at Camp Wa-Ri-Ki



## Program Orientation

Camper receives an overview from their course instructor on how the program will be managed considering COVID-19 restrictions during their visit

# Our Team

## Key Personnel Responsible for Writing and Implementing Reopening Strategies



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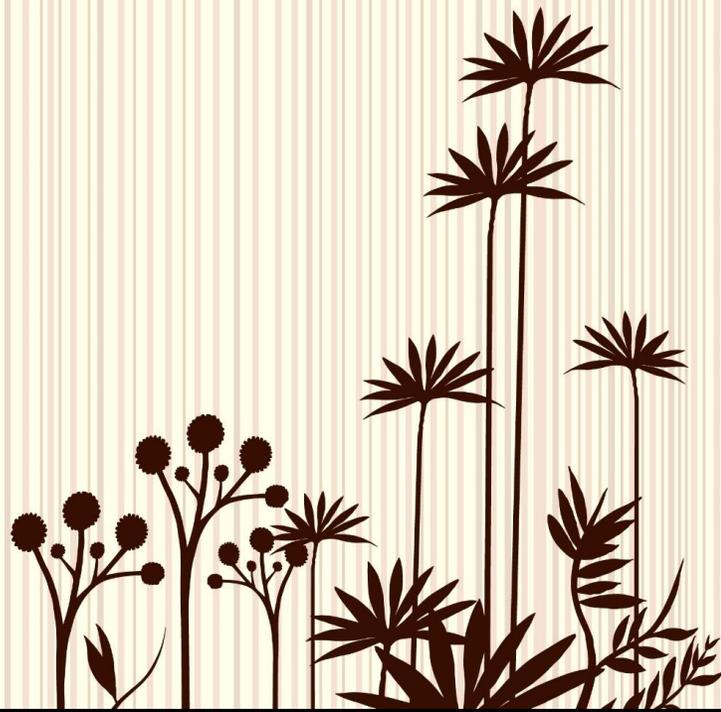
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# Summary

Forest, River, Starry night,  
Campfire and Safety,  
what else do you need?

- Camp Wa-Ri-Ki is a vital member of the Washington Outdoor Education and recreational communities.
- We embrace our responsibility to address the COVID-19 pandemic in ways that are pro-active, engages the many communities we serve by inviting them to be part of the solution and protect the health of our staff and campers.
- Activity in the out-of-doors is a healthy outlet for all – children and adults alike – especially now, as we all deal with the emotional and physical stress caused by pandemic isolation.

# Thank You

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