

Summer 2021 Game Plan: Planning for an action-packed, healthy summer on the Hillside!

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This is a document in progress. We will regularly update the Game Plan and make a more detailed version of this document available closer to summer. Given the rapidly shifting nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, all information about Summer 2021 is subject to change.

We are fully committed to safely opening Camp Bauercrest this summer in compliance with state and federal guidance. First and foremost, Bauercrest will rely on recommended best practices and the most complete safety information that is available. We are hopeful and confident that your sons will enjoy an amazing summer on the Hillside, even if some health and safety modifications remain necessary and there are some changes. We all will need to be flexible and willing to adjust in the next several months as we have been doing for the past year. Our partnership with Bauercrest families is critical in ensuring that your sons enjoy a fun and safe summer on the Hillside.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) decides if camps in Massachusetts can open and what rules every camp must follow. We anticipate DPH guidance in the upcoming months. In the meantime, we are closely watching COVID-19 recommendations published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and studied by the American Camp Association (ACA).

Our Community Mitigation Strategies

We intend to create a camp “bubble” in which campers can experience their Bauercrest summer as normally as possible. We anticipate that all of the steps we have followed over this past year – handwashing, physical distancing, mask-wearing, and cleaning/disinfecting – will continue this

summer to the extent required by DPH. More details are provided below and will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

Professional/Medical Guidance

We have formed Camp Bauercrest's Reopening Task Force (Task Force) to advise us leading up to and during the summer. Most importantly, the Task Force includes medical experts, such as pediatricians and infectious disease specialists. The other members of the Task Force include Ken, Stacy, other camp administrators, educators, Camp Bauercrest's Head Nurse, parent representatives, staff representatives and Board members. We are confident that these Task Force members will provide us with critical guidance as summer approaches. Click [here](#) for a complete list of Task Force members.

ENROLLMENT

Sessions Offered

The dates for Summer 2021 are as follows. These dates are subject to change based on evolving circumstances and governmental guidance:

- (1) Full Summer session (6/27-8/15)
- (2) 3.5-week sessions (6/27-7/21 and 7/22-8/15)
- (2) 2-week Mini Camp sessions (6/27-7/11 and 7/22-8/5)
- (1) Extended Session (6/27-8/5)

**Because Extended Session 2 starts midway through Session 1, we will be eliminating that option for this summer.*

COVID-19 Fee

This year, Bauercrest requires a COVID-19 Fee in the amount of \$100 for two weeks, \$200 for one session and \$350 for the Extended Session 1 and Full Season to cover the additional costs of PPE, testing, cleaning, and related expenses. This fee is per camper. This amount will be added to your son(s) tuition for the March billing cycle.

Cancellation Policies

If your son cannot attend camp for medical reasons, you will be issued a complete refund. If your son does not attend camp for any other reason, you will be refunded your tuition less the \$1,000 deposit. If your son needs to leave camp due to a positive COVID test result, you will be refunded \$150 per missed day for a maximum of 10 days.

Israel

Unfortunately, our Israel trip will not take place this summer. We are confident that your sons will enjoy what we have planned! The CI families will be reimbursed for the Israel portion of their tuition by March 15th.

BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP

Pre-Camp Testing, Quarantine, and Symptom Monitoring

Bauercrest will require pre-camp testing. We will update you with detailed information about which tests will be accepted, the time frame when testing needs to take place, as well as self-quarantine procedures. Additionally, campers will be required to monitor any Covid-19 symptoms prior to arrival.

Vaccinations

We will encourage all staff and camp vendors to begin their vaccine regimen as soon as they are eligible. We also are tracking the progress for youth trials of the vaccine. We will wait until closer to the summer before making vaccine recommendations for campers and will rely on state and federal guidance as well as our medical experts who are members of the Task Force.

It is not yet known whether the vaccines protect people from infection entirely, or just from symptoms, nor whether vaccinated people might still be able to get infected and infect others. We are including vaccines as part of our wider COVID plans, not an end to the need for those plans.

TRANSPORTATION AND PICK-UP/DROP-OFF

As we get closer to camp, we will inform you how pick-up and drop-off will work, both for driving and for flying. We anticipate that we will limit parents' access to the bunk area and will count on your cooperation to implement the protocols that are necessary to keep all campers and staff safe.

STAFF

While our hope is that all staff will be vaccinated, we are preparing for a scenario in which they are not. Staff will arrive at camp for staff orientation prior to camper arrival. Their testing and quarantine procedures will be consistent with the policies we develop at large. All staff will be required to stay on campus for the duration of the summer program.

DURING CAMP

Program

We are operating under the assumption that camp will be a closed community bubble this summer, with multiple layers of protection to limit potential transmission of Covid-19. Programs will stay fun and engaging, but things may be a bit different. For example, we will replace trips out of camp with in-camp fun. We also expect certain health protocols to be in place. With all that said, campers will have as “normal” a summer as possible!

To keep the camp bubble safe and free from COVID-19, visitors, guests, and volunteers will not be permitted. (If you have friends thinking about touring camp, please let them know we'll welcome them for "virtual tours.") If your child will stay the full season, there will be Virtual Visiting Day(s).

In order to maintain the integrity of the bubble, there will be strict protocols limiting your ability to take your sons out of camp. By way of example, your sons will not be able to leave camp for sports tournaments or social activities, and then return. We are working with our medical experts to develop protocols to deal with other specific situations that may arise, including if your son needs to see a doctor during the summer or if he tests positive for Covid-19.

Initial Mitigation Strategies

We will put in place mitigation strategies, such as mask-wearing, for however long the government and health experts recommend at the time. We also are considering whether to assign campers to pods to minimize risk and speed up contact tracing if needed.

Later in the Session

After the CDC-recommended period, and if there are no cases of COVID-19 present in camp, our plan is to resume a more usual daily schedule and relax the limits. We will follow the advice of all governmental agencies and ACA guidance.

In-Camp Testing

Requirements for testing during the season depends on next summer's CDC recommendations and test availability. We are researching in-camp COVID testing options, including both antigen (rapid) and PCR tests. We understand that your sons may have anxiety around testing. We will do our best to administer the least invasive type of testing allowed while still maintaining focus on effectiveness.

Outdoor Living

We will conduct as many activities as possible outdoors. To run as many programs as possible outdoors, we are working on securing open-sided tents.

Health Center Enhancements

We will add to the PPE and readiness of our Health Center. We will establish clear processes for recognizing COVID-19 symptoms, monitoring, and separating those with possible symptoms from those with normal camp scrapes, and providing swift care and notification to families. All our procedures will follow the latest state, local, and CDC rules and recommendations. We will approach these plans thoughtfully and in ways that protect and do not stigmatize campers. We will update you about our protocols as we get closer to camp.

For those campers and staff with pre-existing health conditions which could be significantly affected by COVID, we will work individually with families and their health care providers to plan for the summer.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at camp, we will notify all campers' families while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with current privacy laws. If your camper is in direct contact with a confirmed case, we will get in touch with you specifically about your child's health and wellness. We will notify state and local health officials of any confirmed positive test as required. We will provide more guidance about these protocols as summer approaches.

Cleaning, Hand Washing & Sanitizing

We will do extensive and consistent cleaning of communal spaces, shared items, and frequently touched surfaces and lots of overall hand washing and sanitizing.

Mess Hall

We are reviewing our Mess Hall procedures, including whether we hold meals in an open tent. Our kitchen staff will have appropriate COVID-19-

related food safety training and will be vaccinated. As with other activities, we will know more about what's possible closer to the summer.

Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe and healthy camp experience.

We are making only the decisions that must be made now. We are staying flexible on as many details as possible so that we can adapt to what government authorities require and the CDC recommends next year. This document reflects what we know and what we do not yet know. We will regularly update this information. We will host several information sessions for parents and campers in the coming months to keep our community up to date as our planning continues to evolve.

We have consulted (and will continue to consult) available guidance in putting together this Game Plan. These include materials that the Cohen Camps have produced given that we share many camper families.

As always, we're here for you if you'd like to get in touch.

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We look forward to welcoming your family and giving each camper the best possible Summer 2021!

Ken and Stacy