



Best Week Ever Education Pod 2021 (INCLUDING COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PLAN)

Thank you for registering for our *Best Week Ever Education Pod*! This is a new venture for all of us! Our policies and procedures will follow the model of our successful 2020 Day Camp program, including all applicable CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines. These guidelines are subject to change and you will be notified of any changes. Please read your handbook carefully so that you know what to expect!

Overview and Instructions for Parents/Guardians:

- **Program Overview** - *The Best Week Ever Education Pod will be a stable, remote learning pod with consistent leadership to facilitate student learning.* Students will be grouped by grade level into pods of approximately 25 students with the appropriate ratio of leaders for each age group. The goal of the education pod will be to complete school assignments while parents are at work. Students will have opportunities for recreation during the day as their school schedule allows. Parent partnership will be the key to student success!
 - **School District Responsibility:**
 - Each school district is responsible to create an education plan to meet student needs, academic goals and IEP goals.
 - The school district or cyber charter will provide the necessary equipment and instruction to follow through on student goals.
 - The school district will communicate with parents to evaluate student progress and make appropriate adjustments or troubleshoot academic needs.
 - **Parent Responsibility:**
 - Parents will communicate with the school district regarding the student's academic plan, academic progress and any adjustments needed to meet academic or IEP goals.
 - Parents will work with their student before attending the education pod – to understand assigned curriculum and to understand their schedule and expectations. *Parents must complete the required Student Academic Plan in order to communicate with pod leaders.*
 - Parents will monitor their child's progress and use a daily planner to create a list of assignments to be completed at the education pod. Parent involvement in creating the list of daily assignments will be important for student success.
 - **Education Pod Responsibility:**
 - Pod leaders will provide a safe and focused environment for students to complete their daily list of assignments.
 - Pod leaders will answer questions, provide basic troubleshooting and encourage students to manage their time and stay on task to complete their work. However, pod leaders are not responsible for the completion of daily assignments.
 - As needed, pod leaders may communicate back to parents through the recommended daily planner or schedule a parent phone call if additional communication is needed.
 - **Student Responsibility:**
 - Students will be responsible for the completion of their daily assignments. This includes coming to the education pod with supplies and equipment needed to complete work, following the instruction and schedule set by their district teacher, asking for help when needed, working diligently on assignments and only accessing websites that are approved for educational purposes.
 - Students will use headphones for online learning so they don't distract other students.
 - Students will remain seated in their personal work space and raise their hand to request help from a pod leader.
 - Students will follow instruction from pod leaders and program team during academic instruction and recreation.

- Register through Ultra Camp** – we will run registration through our normal camp software called Ultra Camp. Start [here](#) to create an account for your family, add each student to the account and then create a reservation for the current session of the education pod.
- Choose a schedule** – Please commit to a consistent schedule for the full session, selecting the days of the week that your child will utilize our education pod. *We request a consistent schedule of days in order to efficiently fill our spots and to properly staff our program.* We are unfortunately not able to accommodate drop-in childcare or weekly schedule changes.
- District Schedule Changes** - If your district schedule changes suddenly or your district returns to in-class learning in the middle of the session, we will accommodate the changes or release you from your commitment. The best way to communicate a district schedule change outside of business hours is to email office@camporchardhill.com
- Payments** – Our price will be a consistent \$40/day per student with a full session commitment. Convenience options of lunch, aftercare and transportation will be priced separately. An initial deposit of \$25 per week will be required at registration, followed by a weekly payment schedule of automated credit card payments through your Ultra Camp account. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a different payment schedule or method of payment. *Unfortunately, our facilities are not open for parents to walk-in. Please feel free to contact the office at any time with questions or to confirm your balance. (570) 333-4098 x 100 or office@camporchardhill.com*
- Forms** – Education Pod forms are completed online and are required before your child can attend the pod. To access your forms, please log-in to your Ultra Camp account, click on your child’s name listed in blue type, and scroll down to “My Forms.” Then click on the blue binoculars to update the form and save with your e-signature. *If you have any difficulty, please contact us at (570) 333-4098 x100 or office@camporchardhill.com*

Please complete the following:

- An Education Pod Agreement/Waiver for each student
- A Health History form (2020 Day Campers need to update only if details have changed)
- A Student Academic Plan, describing the details of your child’s district plan.

Before you leave home each day:

- Take your child’s temperature, evaluate their general health and remain at home in the case of illness. If they show a temperature of 100.4 or greater, please have them remain at home for evaluation for 72 hours. If they show any symptoms of COVID-19 or visible cold symptoms, please keep them home until symptoms resolve. If you or your student are sick or have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19, please remain home.

Student Drop-off:

- Carline check-in** – Students using carline will be dropped off between 8:00am and 8:30am. (We are not offering Before Care services during the Education Pod). Students and parents should remain in the car, observe our signage and wait for a staff member to assist them with check-in procedures. *For the safety of our program, please do not get out of your car or plan to enter the camp office.*
- Camp Van check-in** – A contactless health screening will take place before your child is allowed on the van (see Health Screening details below). If you need to send communication or payment to the office, please provide it to the van driver in a sealed envelope with your child’s name on it.

- Health Screening** – Before your child gets on the van, or while your child is still in carline, a staff member will take your child’s temperature with a contactless thermometer and ask a few simple questions:
 - Have you had a temperature of 100.4 or greater in the last 72 hours?
 - Have you experienced coughing or shortness of breath in the last 72 hours?
 - Do you currently have any symptoms of a cold or illness?
 - Have you or anyone in your household had contact with a person with a positive COVID-19 infection?

If your student registers a temperature of 100.4 or greater, our check-in team will take a second scan using an in-ear thermometer. If the student continues to register a temperature, your student will not be able to stay at the education pod for the day.

For those who have a fever of 100.4 or greater and multiple COVID-19 symptoms, a written physician's clearance will be required for re-admittance to camp.

- Waiting for your TSS or other agency staff** – All students and parents should remain in their cars and proceed through carline check-in. Once your student has been screened, park in the designated spots to meet up with your TSS for the day. Unfortunately, the office will not be open for parents to walk-in.
- Student Medications** – If your student will need medication during their camp day, please place medications in their ORIGINAL container with doctor’s instructions in a Ziploc bag and provide it to our check-in team during carline or morning bus pick-up. If you have specific concerns or care instructions, please send them in writing or communicate them to the check-in team. You may also call the camp office at (570) 333-4098 x100 to follow-up on any concerns.
- Communication** – Office communication will come to you regularly through the email that you provided during registration. Parents can communicate to pod leaders or office staff by emailing office@camporchardhill.com or calling (570) 333-4098 x100. Unfortunately, the pod and the office are not open for parents to walk-in this year, however we want to answer your questions and provide feedback as needed. Pod leaders and office staff can be available for in-person meetings by appointment.
- Late Arrivals** – Please plan to arrive to camp by 8:25am to ensure a smooth health screening. If you do arrive late, please observe the signage at our entrance and follow the instructions. You will need to call the office at (570) 333-4098 x100 and wait in your car until a staff member is available to perform your health screening.

Picking Up Your Student:

- Car Line Pick-up** – Please arrive for carline between 3:00pm and 3:30pm. Parents should remain in their car and a staff member will bring your student to your car.
- Early Dismissals** – If it is necessary for your student to leave early from camp for an appointment, we ask that you notify our staff at morning check-in or call (570) 333-4098 x100 during the day. Please observe our signage, remain in your car and call the office when you arrive.
- Optional After Care** – After Care is available until as late as 5:00pm and can be booked during registration. Parents arriving for aftercare pick-up should pull up to the gym doors and wait in their car. A staff member will bring your student to your car.

What to Bring: (REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL PERSONAL ITEMS!)

- A backpack to transport school supplies, chrome books and personal items each day
- A set of headphones for online learning
- All of the school supplies necessary to complete daily assignments
- An daily planner for communication between parents, students & pod leaders
- A reusable water bottle labeled with the student’s name
- Appropriate clothing for recreation in the afternoon. Recreation will be outdoors when the weather allows or indoors (gymnasium or Apple Tree Café) when the weather is too cold.

Health and Safety Measures for 2020

- **Face Coverings** – In accordance with PA Department of Health guidelines, students will be required to wear face coverings while they are at the education pod or on transportation to the education pod. We recommend face shields and they will be provided to students thanks to a generous donation from Benco Dental! Families may also choose a neck gator or mask based on student preference. Students will be allowed to take a break from their face covering when they are seated in their personal workspace or when they are eating. Our staff team will also wear face coverings during the Education Pod.
- **Students at Higher Risk** – Parents must determine the appropriateness of attendance for students who are at higher risk for severe illness. A list of these risk factors can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
- **Pods/Group Sizes** – Students will be grouped into pods of approximately 25 students at similar grade level with an appropriate staff team ratio. Students will be asked to maintain physical distance from other students.
- **Recreation** – The emphasis of our *Best Week Ever Education Pod* will be remote learning and the completion of academic assignments. When academic schedules allow, students will have the opportunity for recreational activities. Outdoor activities will be offered as the weather allows.
- **Snacks and Meals** – Parents may send a morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack for their students. For an additional daily fee, parents may also select the convenience option of a hot lunch delivered by Chef Steve in a take-out fashion directly to your child's pod.
- **Drinking Water** – Students must bring a reusable water bottle to their education pod each day.
- **Work Space** – Each student will be assigned adequate work space with generous distance, as well as appropriate internet capability.
- **Cleaning** – Each pod will be assigned to a bathroom for use during the day. Bathrooms and common areas will be cleaned regularly. Shared program equipment will also be cleaned between pod use.
- **Hand sanitizing and washing** – Students will be required to sanitize their hands regularly, especially before use of shared equipment. Students will also be required to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day with correct hand washing practices using soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Respiratory Etiquette** – Students and staff will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues will be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for 20 seconds when available. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer will be used.
- **Refunds related to illness** – Our normal policy will remain in effect, that scheduled days of learning will not be refunded or transferred. We will make an exception to this policy for students who are turned away by our check-in team for a fever of 100.4 or greater, or who develop a fever or multiple symptoms of COVID-19 while at home. *We encourage parents to evaluate their student's health before arriving at the education pod.* In the case of a fever or multiple COVID symptoms, please contact the office and we will refund your account for the full 72 hours that your student will need to self-isolate. In this case, a written physician's clearance will be required for re-admittance to the education pod. (Please see our Communicable Disease plan for further details on protocol for those who develop symptoms.)
- **Communicable Disease Plan** – Camp Orchard Hill will follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines meant to prevent the spread of communicable disease. Our plan includes daily health screenings, recognition of symptoms related to COVID-19, careful treatment and isolation of students who present symptoms and appropriate communication and action for students who demonstrate multiple symptoms of COVID-19. For detailed information on our Communicable Disease Plan, please refer to that document below.

Guidelines and Expectations for the Students and Parents/Guardians:

- Our check-in and check-out team will verify student attendance and track health screening. Parents can manage their approved student pick-up list via Ultra Camp or can notify us at (570) 333-4098 x100.

- Students are not permitted to bring drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, fireworks, firearms, pocket knives, pornography, or cell phones to the education pod.
- Students will be allowed the use of their approved electronic device for academic purposes using approved sites only.
- Students will be assigned to a pod and their workspace based on grade level.
- Students will transport their school equipment and supplies in their backpack each day. Backpacks can be stored in the assigned pod location for the day.
- Please advise your student to report any injury or illness to their pod leader immediately.
- Please refer to our Communicable Disease Plan to understand the procedures for students who display symptoms of illness.
- Parents should evaluate student health and NOT come to the education pod unless they have been without a fever (without fever reduction aids), coughing, shortness of breath, congestion, nausea or diarrhea for a full 72-hour period prior to the education pod.
- Students are not allowed to have cell phones during the day. Parent communication is welcome via the main office number (570) 333-4098 x100.
- Student dress should be comfortable, modest & appropriate for school setting and afternoon recreation.
- Any form of bullying will not be tolerated. Bullying will be defined as physical, verbal or emotional abuse, hazing or threats. A pattern of continued behavior will result in dismissal.
- Camp Orchard Hill is committed to providing an environment that is free of discrimination and harassment. Actions, words, jokes, sexually graphic language or comments based on an individual's gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion or any other legally protected characteristic will not be tolerated. A pattern of continual behavior will result in dismissal.

Standard Discipline Strategy

- 1.) *A 1st offense will result in a warning, explanation of undesired behavior, and reference to behavioral expectations.*
- 2.) *A 2nd offense will result in an immediate break from current or upcoming activity (duration of time will depend on the age: ages 4-7 will be 3-5 minutes, ages 8-11 will be 5-7 minutes, ages 12-17 will be 7-10 minutes.) The purpose of this break is to help diffuse the situation and allow for reflection immediately following the offense. A discipline strategy emphasizing personal responsibility will be used (e.g. throwing rocks may result in picking up those rocks and returning them to the correct location).*
- 3.) *A 3rd or repeated offense will result in reporting to the Program Director and a verbal or written contract will be made. Parents will also be notified.*
- 4.) *Continued infractions will result in dismissal from the education pod.*

Student Goals and Objectives

Camp Orchard Hill will:

1. Provide the opportunity for all students to complete the work assigned by their district. *Students will have the opportunity to make friends, interact with engaging staff, and participate in their district learning plan. Staff will provide structure, positive reinforcement and encouragement to every student.*
2. Provide situations for each student to set goals and challenge themselves while discovering their own abilities. *Students will participate in a variety of activities that will challenge them and teach new skills.*
3. Provide opportunities for each child to work together with others in their group. *Students will move and eat together in groups, participate in group activities, discuss their day and make community-building decisions.*
4. Help each student appreciate their natural surroundings and take an active role in the stewardship of our environment. *Students will have the opportunity to recycle, keep the environment clean and respect the environment by staying on trails, not picking flowers, cleaning up, etc.*

In Case of Emergency

Since the program has no way of determining what each person considers an emergency, the general camp practice is to contact parents when there is concern about a student's health and/or when a situation is not progressing as expected.

If outside medical attention is necessary, every attempt will be made to notify the parent/guardian prior to treatment and immediately after conclusion of treatment.

Camp Orchard Hill Mission Statement: *Camp Orchard Hill exists to meet the physical, emotional, relational and spiritual needs of students, families and our community through the love of Jesus Christ.*



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Communicable Disease Plan

Before You Attend Camp

- Staff and families should not come to camp, and must notify camp officials if they (staff) or their child (families) become sick with COVID-19 [symptoms](#), test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.
- Sick staff members or students must not return to camp until they have met CDC's [criteria to discontinue home isolation](#).

For purposes of these guidelines, Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS), Nurses, Aides and Behavioral Specialist Consultant (BSC) for any of our special needs students are considered "Staff".

Daily Health Screenings

- We will conduct daily health screenings of both students and staff including temperature check and COVID-19 [symptoms](#) (fever, cough and shortness of breath).
- For those utilizing our transportation service, the daily health screening of students will take place at the bus stop before admittance onto the bus. For those who arrive at camp, the health screening will take place in the car line while still in their vehicle.
- For any student or staff member that exhibits a fever of 100.4 or greater or multiple COVID-19 symptoms, admittance to camp will be denied for that day. We recommend that you immediately follow up with your health care provider for instructions on how to proceed.

For those who have a fever of 100.4 or greater and multiple COVID-19 symptoms, a written physician's clearance will be required for re-admittance to camp.

Developing Symptoms While at Camp

- **Isolate and Transport Those Who are Sick**
 - Immediately separate staff and students with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) and place a face mask on the individual. Isolate the individuals by separating symptomatic individuals by at least 6 feet. Individuals who are sick must go home and or to a healthcare facility, depending on the severity of symptoms, and follow [CDC guidance for caring for yourself or others](#) who are sick.
 - If a staff or student does not require immediate clinical evaluation and is not able to be transported off grounds immediately, they will be taken to the isolation room located in the health care center. The health care staff will follow [Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions](#) when caring for sick people. See: [What Healthcare Personnel Should Know About Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection](#).
 - If a parent or driver is not immediately available for transportation we will keep the staff member or student in the isolation room until parent/driver arrival. If symptoms warrant emergency medical attention (see below), we will utilize 911 to transport student or staff to the hospital.
- **Clean and Disinfect**
 - Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them (for outdoor areas, this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area, if applicable).
 - Wait at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible. Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing them securely away from children.

Returning to Camp

The CDC outlines two approaches in deciding whether someone should discontinue home isolation: symptom-based strategy or a test-based strategy:

A. **Symptom-Based Strategy: Staff or student can return to camp only if:**

- It has been at least 3 days (72 hours) of having no fever without use of fever-reducing medications **and** improvement in respiratory symptoms;
- It has been at least 10 days since the symptoms first appeared; **and**
- The staff or student has consulted with a healthcare provider and state or local health department. ***A written physician's clearance will be required for re-admittance to camp.***

B. **Test-Based Strategy: Staff or student can return to camp only if:**

- They no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;
- Their respiratory symptoms have improved;
- They have received two negative tests in a row, at least 24 hours apart; and
- They have consulted with a healthcare provider and state or local health department. ***A written physician's clearance will be required for re-admittance to camp.***

Upon Return to Camp:

- Health screenings will continue to be performed on a daily basis.
- When returning to camp, staff or student will be instructed to self-monitor for symptoms and alert the camp staff or supervisor if symptoms return.

Notification of Health Officials and Close Contacts

- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, we will notify local health officials and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with HIPPA and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- We will advise those who have had [close contact](#) with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home, [self-monitor for symptoms](#), and follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop.
- At this point, our camp programs will proceed under guidance from local health agencies.

When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention

Look for **emergency warning signs*** for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, **seek emergency medical care immediately**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.