

FISH AND EXPLORE COVID-19 OPERATING PROCEDURES

Fish and Explore makes all reasonable efforts to insure the safety of our campers and staff. In light of the pandemic, Fish and Explore follows this COVID-19 Operating Procedures manual. Please note that this manual supplements our current Parent Handbook; it is not a replacement. Parents/guardians must read and familiarize themselves with our Parent Handbook for overall camp policies and procedures.

Fish and Explore makes every attempt to adhere to current CDC [Suggestions for Youth and Summer Camps](#), as well as applicable Virginia and local COVID-19 requirements.

PRIOR TO ATTENDING CAMP

FAMILY CHECKLIST

- At the beginning of each camp day, parents/guardians take their own temperature and the temperature of their camper(s). If either parents/guardians or camper(s) have a temperature of 100° F (37.78° C) or above, the camper(s) may not attend a Fish and Explore camp or event.
- If anyone in the camper(s) home is feeling unwell (i.e. fever, cough, runny nose, aches, shortness of breath, or feeling rundown), the camper(s) may not come to a Fish and Explore camp or event.
- If the camper or anyone in the camper's household has tested positive for COVID-19 and/or has had continuing symptoms during the prior 14 days, the camper may NOT attend the Fish and Explore camp. In that event, parents/guardians should confidentially report that information to the Fish and Explore Camp Director as soon as possible. Fish and Explore's Camp Director will inform the parents/guardians of the other campers in that program that a camper (or family member) has tested positive for COVID-19, while maintaining the confidentiality of the affected camper (or family member). Please note that in a small camp, we cannot guarantee that other camp participants will not figure out the identity of the affected camper.
- Please notify Fish and Explore Camp Leader or Camp Director if you are keeping your camper home for any of the above, or other, reasons.
- Each camper must provide their own **hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and face mask** for the camper's own exclusive use. **Please instruct your camper not to share these items with anyone else.**

- All supplies, food and clothing should be **labeled** with your camper's **full name** to prevent confusion.

FISH AND EXPLORE CHECKLIST

- Prior to the start of each camp day, each Fish and Explore vehicle that is used for a camp will be cleaned using disinfectant that is EPA approved or similar.
- Camp counselors will take their own temperature daily prior to the start of camp. If a counselor has a temperature of 100° F (37.78° C) or is exhibiting other COVID-19-related symptoms, that counselor will not be working at a Fish and Explore camp or event. An alternative counselor will be assigned to the camp.
- Each counselor will carry their own hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and face mask. **Counselors are not allowed to share these items with campers.**

EACH CAMP DAY

START OF DAY

- At check in, parents/guardians, camper(s), and counselors must be wearing facemasks. The counselor will confirm that they have each camper's parent/guardian's contact information (phone #s, email address). We will be using the contact info to communicate during the camp day.
- Parent/guardian will state the camper's full name and by doing so they are attesting that a temperature check has been done as requested in the Family Checklist, and that the camper and parents/guardians do not have a temperature of 100° F or above.
- The camper will hold on to their belongings. A labeled backpack is ideal for keeping individual camper's items organized and separate.

WHILE TRAVELING IN A FISH AND EXPLORE VEHICLE

- Counselors and campers will wear facemasks. Please do not send your camper to our travel camps if they are unable, uncomfortable, or unwilling to wear a mask while in the Fish and Explore vehicle.
- Campers will avoid any physical contact with others and avoid sharing items (i.e. cell phones, toys, food).
- Campers will follow our rules of conduct while traveling or sitting in Fish and Explore vehicles (please reference our Parent Handbook)

- Weather permitting; we will open windows in our vehicles to increase fresh air circulation.

AT ALL TIMES

- Counselors will continually encourage campers and help them maintain a social distance of at least six (6) feet apart. Campers must make this effort to do so as well.
- There will be situations where maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet will not be possible; please understand that our campers are children and are likely to forget to keep a social distance at all times. While we will make all appropriate efforts to remind them, there will be times (including in the van) when campers may be less than six (6) feet from each other or staff.
- Our staff may have to be in close contact with campers, including (but not limited to) dispensing first aid, helping with fishing gear, etc.
- **All campers and staff are required to wear a facemask both when outdoors and when campers and staff are in Fish and Explore vehicles.** Eating lunch and drinking breaks will be the only known exceptions. Counselors will make every effort to enforce consistent and continual facemask use, and will determine on a case-by-case basis if a situation warrants not using a facemask for any reason (i.e. when providing first aid, when a mask gets wet or restricts breathing or other safety reasons). **PLEASE PROVIDE SPARE FACEMASKS** when possible.
- We will take frequent breaks for campers to sanitize their hands using their own sanitizer/disinfecting wipes.
- Equipment (fishing rods, life jackets, etc.) will be assigned to each camper by number or some other identifier, and campers will use their assigned gear all week. Fishing rods, life jackets, and other assigned gear may not be shared between campers.

Restroom Breaks

- There may not be restrooms available for our parent/guardian drop off programs. Please do your best to have your camper understand that most parks do not have facilities or their facilities may not be open to the public.
- Our travel camps where we provide the transportation will have public

restrooms available. Campers are required to wear a facemask when entering an inside facility. We will have campers sanitize their hands before and after all restroom visits.

Weather Related Issues

- We may not have a shelter for our parent/guardian drop-off programs. In the event of inclement weather or for other unforeseen reasons, we may have to cancel the camp for the day or contact you to pick up your camper early. We will monitor weather very closely. Each morning we will look at the hourly forecast. If there is an eighty percent (80%) or greater chance for thunderstorms during camp hours, we will inform you and either cancel the session or closely monitor the weather if we choose to operate. While we may end up canceling camps when storms do not ensue, any such decision is based on available information and is designed to keep our campers and staff safe.
- Our travel camps where we provide transportation will operate as normal and our vehicles will be our shelter in place. Please see our Parent Handbook for details on how we deal with thunderstorms or inclement weather.

END OF THE DAY:

- Parents/Guardians will arrive at the pick-up location, and text camp leader with full name of their camper(s). Once confirmed, staff will escort camper to their parent/guardian.
- All items each camper brings at the start of the day must be taken home with the camper at the end of each day.
- Anything left behind by campers will be disposed of by staff during our clean and sanitize process. This will happen daily, so please emphasize to your camper that they must keep track of their personal items. Parents and campers agree and acknowledge that Fish and Explore is not responsible for any items left behind by campers.
- Staff will clean and disinfect all of our equipment and our transport vehicle if used for camp.