



Summer 2021 Procedures

In order to keep campers, volunteers and staff as safe as possible we will be implementing the following procedures (subject to change upon local and state guidance):

Grouping of campers

Campers will be grouped by age (3 years, 4-5 years, 6-7 years, 8-9 years, 10-12 years). Campers will stay in these age groups throughout the day and during extra care options such as Early Care, and Lunch Bunch.

Each small group will be limited to 15 people total. This will generally be 12 campers, 1 teacher and 1-2 assistants.

Each classroom will use the outdoors as the primary gathering space and have its own hand washing station. Groups will use assigned indoor classroom spaces in the event of severe weather.

Hand Washing:

Handwashing stations will be located at each outdoor classroom. Campers will wash hands (at a minimum) upon arrival, before and after eating snacks, after touching any program materials, after each restroom use and before departing for the day. Teachers will carry hand sanitizer that may be used as needed when a hand washing station is not available.

Drop Off:

Parents will park and walk their campers to the greeter, stationed near the parking lot. The greeter will direct parents and campers to appropriate outdoor classrooms. Parents and children over 5 will be required to wear masks and use designated trails to and from the classrooms. Camp teachers will confirm that campers have passed their home screening. Teachers will sign in campers.

Pick Up:

Parents and any accompanying child over 5 will be required to wear masks and will walk to outdoor classrooms to gather campers. Campers wash their hands and the camp teacher signs the camper out.

Sanitization:

Staff will sanitize all commonly touched surfaces multiple times throughout the day. Equipment will not be shared among participants whenever possible. If it is impossible to not share equipment (for example, touching an owl wing), participants will wash/sanitize hands before and after touching shared equipment and the equipment will be sanitized or left to sit for at least 72 hours before another camp can use it.

Face Masks:

Staff will wear face masks when physical distancing of more than 6 feet is not possible. We require campers ages 6+ wear face masks when unable to physically distance, as long as they are able to reliably wear, remove and handle masks in accordance with the CDC guidelines. For

example: campers will not need to wear masks while biking or free playing at a distance. They will need to wear masks if the groups are indoors or campers have to gather close together. Masks will need to be washed or replaced daily.

Snack and Lunch:

Campers need to bring a labeled water bottle, snack and lunch (if applicable). Hartley Nature center will not be providing a snack if a child does not have one. Children will physically distance as they eat their snack and lunch (if applicable).

Sick Policy:

Health Screening Policy:

Parents are expected to monitor the health of their child and keep them home if they **or a family member** are exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

1 of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 or greater
- New onset and/or worsening cough
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

2 or more of the following symptoms:

- Sore throat
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Excessive fatigue
- New onset of severe headache
- New onset of nasal congestion or runny nose

If a camper or staff have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 they will need to stay home 14 days before they may come back.

Parents should use the home screening tool to assess if their child may attend camp:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/homescreen.pdf>

For additional information, see the most recent Minnesota Department of Health decision tree. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf> (Updated December 21, 2020).

If a camper or staff tests positive for COVID-19, Hartley Nature Center will follow this procedure:

- Notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of a case in the community while maintaining confidentiality.
- Will work with local health officials to determine if a class should close for a period of time or if it can remain open for those who were not exposed.
- Sick staff or participants may not return until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation.
- Inform those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms and to follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

If a camper becomes sick during the program, they will be isolated from other campers and be monitored by staff. Sick campers will need to be picked up within 30 minutes. We ask that arrangements for unexpected needs for pick up are in place and that pick up will take place as soon as possible. Parents should make sure to communicate to staff if the emergency contact for the day has changed so that campers are picked up within the 30 minute window if they become ill.

These procedures may be modified at any time based on the recommendations from the MN Department of Health and CDC. HNC reserves the right to cancel the program at any time if we are not able to safely teach your children.