

Camp Menominee

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Hi Parents,

Last week we sent out our initial COVID kickoff email. As we said, our goal is to provide substantive information each week and share our protocols as we finalize them. Recently we have gotten some questions about visiting weekend. Some of you have children at other camps or have seen other camps that have already cancelled (or tentatively cancelled) visiting weekend. We want to address that today with respect to Menominee.

Right now it is safe to say that having visiting weekend, as we have traditionally done it, is not a responsible decision. By that time in the summer we will have cleared quarantine with our first session campers, and put ourselves in a position where we are confident that COVID-19 is not in camp. It would not be in anyone's best interest to bring up dozens of parents and relatives and break the bubble we have worked so hard to preserve.

Now, we are planning to bring in a number of campers for 2nd session and will reset the bubble at that time. However, those campers will be in pre-camp quarantine and testing protocols prior to arrival. If we expose our current campers and staff (who have cleared all of that) for a 2 day visiting weekend when we don't have to, it is simply taking an unnecessary risk.

So the plan is to keep the boys in camp and put together a fun and special weekend for them that includes virtual interactions with their families. We would love your input about what you and your camper would like to see to help make that weekend special even without you there.

Some ideas we have had so far:

- Setting up video chats and phone calls with parents.
- Allowing parents to send up packages with normally prohibited items like food or snacks for the cabin.
- Bringing in things we love from town that the boys love.
- Of course, giving the boys extra and exclusive time at some of our more popular activities like the waterfront and on the boats.

Again, much like all of this, we have a lot of time before camp starts so things can change. This is just to give you an idea of where we are right now and seek out your thoughts and ideas to make every moment at camp count for our boys. I am excited to hear your feedback!

Tomorrow in our weekly update I'll send out more information about pre-camp quarantines and our new Telemedicine partnership.

For the Love of Camp – Jason and the CM Office