

YMCA Camp Bernie

Fall Groups

COVID-19 Procedures & Policies

Cleaning Procedures

- Activity Areas & Equipment: Participants will use the same equipment for the duration of the class. Program area equipment/supplies will be cleaned & disinfected as directed by CDC and manufacturer guidelines in between classes. Activity start and end times may be amended to allow time for this.
- Bathrooms and Common Areas: High touch surfaces will be cleaned & disinfected multiple times each day.
- As always, cabins are thoroughly cleaned in between groups. This includes the disinfecting of high-touch areas as well as bathrooms, chairs, and mattresses.
- As weather permits, ventilation in camp buildings will be maximized by keeping windows open and fans positioned to optimize air flow.

Dining Hall Procedures

- While participants have always been encouraged to wash their hands before eating, hand washing will now be required before participants can enter the Dining Hall for meals.
- Camp Bernie recommends that participants remain in their learning groups for meals.
- Meals will be served cafeteria style to eliminate the use of shared serving utensils. This includes salad and breakfast bars.
- If weather permits, outdoor dining will be offered.
- As always, waiters will be sanitizing their tables after meals.

Safety Measures at Camp

- Orientations include recommendations of the frequency of hand washing as well as informing guests of the locations of bathroom facilities. All hand-washing stations display instructions on proper hand washing.
- Chaperones will be encouraged to enforce hand washing or hand sanitation during transition breaks between activities.
- Learning groups will not be required to maintain social distance within the group, however, teambuilding activities or games involving interpersonal physical contact will not be facilitated at Camp Bernie this season.
- Additional waivers that address the added risks of COVID-19 will be required for all attendees.

Multiple Groups at Camp

- In consideration of COVID-19 this fall, Camp Bernie has lowered the maximum capacity of participants at camp, and lessened the amount of groups on site at a time.

- If multiple groups are present at camp, significant efforts will be made to ensure that groups do not intermingle. This may include designating alternate locations or times for meals and free time. It also may include designating a particular set of bathroom facilities to your group. We appreciate your flexibility in allowing us to make these necessary changes for the safety of everyone at camp.

Sleeping Arrangement Recommendations

- Maintain appropriate distance between heads while sleeping. Camp Bernie has marked each bed with our recommended head/foot arrangement.

Transportation Recommendations

- Face coverings on bus for all riders and driver.
- Social distance between riders and between riders & driver, if/when possible.

Learning Group/Cohort recommendations

- Divide participants into groups of around 15.
- For groups under age 18, provide a chaperone for each group.
- Keep participants with the same groups they interact with on a regular basis outside of the trip.

Medical Needs at Camp

- Camp Bernie recommends that participants are health checked (temperature and COVID screening questions) prior to departing for camp.
- Camp Bernie does not provide medical services for groups, and has always recommended that groups designate an adult to tend to any medical needs.
- Camp Bernie recommends that groups bring a vehicle other than the bus to transport a student to a medical facility if necessary.

Minimum Guaranteed Number of participants

We have always recommended that groups select a minimum number for their contract that is slightly lower than what they expect to have, in case students are sick on the day of the trip. This year, this is even more important. We want to encourage sick students to stay home, so we strongly recommend that your guaranteed minimum is lower than what you expect to have. You will be charged for the guaranteed minimum at the time of the trip if less participants attend, and if more participants attend, the per person fee will simply be added for each.

Cancellation & Refund Policy Amendments

We at Camp Bernie understand that many scenarios are possible for this coming school year, so in order to best accommodate the need of our groups, we are amending our policies for the fall season.

- **Lead Times** - we are shortening our lead time to allow for contracts to be amended up to 21 days prior to the trip date.

- **Deposits** – typically, our deposits are non-refundable. For this fall, as long as groups notify us of cancelation in writing (email is fine) prior to the 21 day mark, we are offering the following options for the deposit already paid:
 - Credit – Your full deposit can be held for a future trip for up to 12 months.
 - Refund – You may request a refund in writing (email is fine), and we will refund the deposit minus a 25% administrative fee. Please note that the process time for refunds has been quite slow due to the heavy volume, so it may take longer than expected to receive your deposit.