



## Children's Heart Group

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We are contacting you because your child previously attended Camp Lionheart, or was enrolled in the 2020 Summer Camp prior to cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am exploring the option of offering Camp Lionheart again the Summer of 2021 at Camp Kirchenwald following strict safety guidelines, and would like your input on whether or not, and under what conditions your child would be interested in participating.

I am looking at the option of a "shortened" **in-person camp** for campers at no or at minimal risk of increased complication from COVID infection compared to children without congenital heart disease, and a **remote attendance** camp for campers in the higher risk groups and for those campers who prefer to attend remotely.

### **In-person camp**

#### Camper selection, screening, and expectations for campers

- the in-person camp would begin Sunday afternoon July 25, 2021 and last through noon Wednesday July 28, 2021.
- campers would need clearance from their cardiologist to attend
- to attend, the camper would need to be asymptomatic for 14 days prior to camp, without history of contact with a COVID positive individual during that period
- if the camper had a COVID (+) test, they must be 14 days symptom free to attend camp
- parents must be willing and prepared to pick up their child if either their child or their roommate becomes ill during the camp and are suspected to have COVID infection
- campers would be expected to bring a laptop computer with zoom capability (the camp will have a limited number of laptops to provide if necessary)
- masks will be worn by campers and staff except when sleeping or eating, social distancing will be required at all times; strictly enforced

#### Staffing, and visitation policy

- medical coverage by vaccinated medical personnel (cardiologists and nurses)
- volunteers and staff must meet the same criteria as campers—in addition, they must attend the duration of the camp
- restriction of all unnecessary visitors
- parents will likely call from their vehicle for drop-off/check-in, and pick-up of their child—staggered registration?

#### Camp activities

- daily temp check and questionnaire on symptoms
- 2 campers per room, maximum 12-14 campers
- group activities will be limited to either out-door activities and outdoor dining,
- for remote activities, the campers will remain in their rooms and attend "group" lectures, or have "down time virtual interactions" with other campers.

-examples of outdoors activities deemed to be safe will be held in cohorts of 4-6 campers (2-3 pairs of roommates per cohort), to include archery, zip line, 2 person canoe, mountain biking, robot construction  
-meals will be “served” (picnic area with social distancing, or cook outs),--no buffet style lunches

**Remote attendance camp with optional 1 day gathering**

-campers will have full access to all remote activities offered and attended by “in-person” campers  
-campers will be able to connect with “in-person” campers by zoom during “down time virtual interactions”  
-campers will receive a “camper bag”—including a special item made by “in-person” campers  
-attendance will be optional on the last morning of camp (Wednesday July 28) for an out-door, socially distant reunion with “in-person” campers at Camp Kirchenwald, including a served outdoor luncheon and remembrance activities

Please respond to Brandi Hupp [bhupp@pennstatehealth.psu.edu](mailto:bhupp@pennstatehealth.psu.edu) with the following information:

-my child has no interest in attending Camp Lionheart this Summer (2021)

-my child is interested in attending the “in-person” camp at Camp Lionheart this Summer if the screening conditions listed above are met—I understand that all precautions described above will be made to provide a safe experience for my child. However there remains a possibility my child might develop COVID19 infection and possibly suffer complications from the infection

-my child is interested in attending Camp Lionheart remotely, including the optional 1 day reunion

-my child is interested in attending Camp Lionheart remotely, without the optional 1 day reunion

-my child is interested in receiving a Camp Lionheart camper bag (only)

Thank you for your input. Please stay healthy. Hope to see everyone soon.

Sincerely,



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