



COVID-19 Response & Frequently Asked Questions

Below you will find sections related to the office and each specific camp. We hope that the FAQs below help answer some of your initial questions, please reach-out with additional questions.

GENERAL FAQs

Is the Camp Fire Inland Northwest office open?

Our physical office in the Spokane Valley is open during our regular business hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. Staff are sanitizing surfaces at a higher rate and wearing masks when necessary.

Who do I contact with general questions during this time?

For general questions please email campfire@campfireinc.org or call our main line 509.747.6191.

Who do I contact with camp program questions during this time?

The best way is to email campfire@campfireinc.org or call our main line 509.747.6191.

Will camps be running this summer?

Camp Fire Inland Northwest is will be running summer camps at both Camp Sweyolakan and Camp Dart-Lo. Please know that safety is our number one priority. As an American Camp Association accredited camp, we are following guidelines for delivery of camp as developed by the ACA in partnership with the CDC; however, we will first adhere to state, region, and local rules and regulations.

What if I need to cancel my child's registration?

If you need to cancel your child's camp registration due to concerns about COVID-19 developments, we are able to provide a full refund. Otherwise, please refer to our cancellation policy: <https://campfireinc.org/page/cancellation-refund-policy>.

We want to share our sincere gratitude for families and donors who are reaching out to share your concern and dedication to our team and programs. It is clear this situation will have some impact on our services and finances – as with many organizations and businesses. In this uncertain time, we are thankful for your continued support of our mission and the youth we serve.

*Thank you,
Camp Fire Inland Northwest*

CAMP DART-LO FAQs

Will children be required to wear masks at camp?

In adherence to the Governor's Proclamations, Secretary of Health's Orders, and guidelines laid out by the WA DOH Guidance for Child Care, Youth Development, and Day Camps During COVID-19 updated June 6, 2021, children and staff will no longer be required to wear cloth face coverings at Camp Dart-Lo while outdoors. Campers and staff are still required to wear cloth face coverings while indoors and while on the camp bus. Campers under the age of 5 and those with health conditions that make it unsafe to wear a mask will not be required to do so. Limited time will be spent indoors.

What are you doing to keep campers and staff safe this summer?

Camp Dart-Lo successfully kept campers and staff safe last summer by layering non-pharmaceutical interventions and remaining vigilant; we intend to employ those same strategies this summer. Some of those strategies include conducting Health Screenings at the beginning of each program day for campers and staff, sanitizing common areas at a higher rate, building handwashing into our program, and remaining outdoors as much as possible. We continue to work closely with local, state, and federal authorities, as well as various other resources to ensure the safety of all staff and participants.

Will campers be able to swim at camp?

The pool at Camp Dart-Lo is subject to COVID-19 restrictions set by Washington State. Currently, the Eastern region will need to be in Phase 3 in order to operate recreational pools. We are optimistic that our pool will be open to campers for the entirety of the summer.

Is bus transportation available for camp?

We are planning to provide bus transportation for Camp Dart-Lo this summer though capacity will be lowered and COVID-19 protocols will be observed. A one-time session waiver will be required to board the bus in addition to a daily attestation card verifying that your camper is healthy and has not been exposed to any confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19.

Will Camp Fire Inland Northwest require a negative COVID-19 test for my camper to attend?

We will not be requiring campers to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test in order to attend camp this summer. However, responsible adults will be required to sign an attestation card each day prior to their camper's entry to camp; temperatures will also be taken. Any campers with active symptoms or a temperature higher than 100.4 will not be permitted to enter camp.

Do we require that Camp Dart-Lo staff and volunteers be fully vaccinated?

While we highly encourage and recommend that all staff, volunteers, and campers ages 12 and over be vaccinated to attend camp, we do not require full vaccination to attend.

What if I have questions about event cancellations?

Visit our Upcoming Events page for the most up-to-date event information, cancellations or adjustments. Please email campfire@campfireinc.org with additional questions or concerns.

CAMP SWEYOLAKAN FAQs

Will children be required to wear masks at camp?

Campers and responsible adults will be required to mask during the check-in process and on the boat to camp. Day Campers will be required to mask on the van and boat. Once campers and staff arrive in camp they will be allowed to unmask within their cohorts. In rare occasions, when cohorts are unable to maintain physical distance of 6 feet, cohorts will be required to mask.

What are you doing to keep campers and staff safe this summer?

Camp Sweyolakan successfully kept campers and staff safe last summer by layering non-pharmaceutical interventions and remaining vigilant; we intend to employ those same strategies this summer. Some of those strategies include conducting Health Screenings at the beginning of each program for campers and staff, sanitizing common areas at a higher rate, building handwashing into our program, remaining outdoors, and decreasing cabin volume. Campers will sleep head-to-toe to promote distance while sleeping. We continue to work closely with local, state, and federal authorities, as well as various other resources to ensure the safety of all staff and participants.

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Absolutely! We are able to create multiple swim areas so that several cohorts may swim at once while maintaining appropriate physical distance.

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Some measures we are taking include doing Health Screenings at the beginning of programming for campers and staff, sanitizing common areas at a higher rate, and decreasing cabin volume at overnight camp. Campers will sleep head-to-toe to promote distance while sleeping. We will continue to work closely with local, state, and federal authorities and various other resources to ensure the safety of all staff and participants.

If you have additional questions about precautions being taken at camp, please call (509-747-6191) or email (campfire@campfireinc.org) and we'd be happy to discuss them with you.