

# CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY CAMPING ASSOCIATION



## February Town Hall 1: The Future of Camp-Summer 2021 Plans

**February 10, 2021**

18:43:14

From Jennifer-COCA-I : Thank you for joining us tonight! Let's get ready to learn together!

18:47:03

From Jennifer-COCA-I : Please place your questions here.

19:14:07

From Ashley - Camp Hobe : Have you gotten support from the parents as well? Through survey or email input beforehand?

19:14:19

From Ryan, Happiness Is Camping : We have a similar flow chart of alternatives. First option is overnight camp with our traditional community. Second option is overnight camp with healthy survivors and siblings. Third option is Family Camp. Fourth option is virtual only

19:14:35

From Ryan, Happiness Is Camping : We've had an abundance of support from parents 19:18:05  
From Leah McComb : so a yes and two maybes. where is everyone else at??

19:18:52

From Leah McComb : we are waiting 3/1. but it's unlikely.

19:19:01

From Gretchen Kay's Kamp : Kay's Kamp is going virtual again with a few opportunities for in- person activities.

19:20:25

From Derek Bycraft - Camp Catch-A-Rainbow : We are going to have both in-person and virtual programming during the week of August 8-13. Only 50% capacity in cabins (includes counselors in the count). Every camper's health form will be screened upon registration; anyone who is at high risk will have a follow up call with myself and medical director to that camper's oncologist to see if camp is the bestchoice for their health this year.

19:23:29

From Jenn Balkema - Camp Watcha Wanna Do : Camp Watcha Wanna Do - We plan to run in person and virtual. Our in-person decision will change if the medical director starts to feel less comfortable. But, he is very positive about it and the camp that we rent from ran camps last summer and plan to do camps this summer and we feel good about their guidelines!

19:23:37

From Cindy - Camp Happy Days : For those camps doing a family camp, are yougetting endorsements from the medical staff and will you have medical staff at camp?

19:24:47

From Jenn Balkema - Camp Watcha Wanna Do : Camp watcha wanna do runs early June and only for a

week so we are more short term...still deciding on if/how we screen etc.

19:24:56

From Kara, Camp Little Red Door : Our former med staff has expressed concern as to if they will be free or have the energy to work camp.

19:26:07

From Deb-Camp iHope : We just completed a poll of the parents--asking if they would send the kids and what their concerns are. We are planning a series of TownHalls to discuss plans/what we need to do to hold in-person camp

19:26:57

From Susie Burke - Camp One Step : We just conducted surveys of our camper families, volunteers and medical staff. Surveys closed on Monday so now discussing results. The responses will guide further decision-making as to hybrid vs virtual. All appreciative of their ability to provide input into the decisions.

19:31:49

From Iain Riddle - Camp Happy Days : Brian what are you doing to gain that endorsement from the hospitals

19:32:07

From Caitlyn, Camp Good Days : I'm so interested for those who are doing in-person programs (traditional or family) one what people are doing for staff time-off?

19:32:18

From Caitlyn, Camp Good Days : on\*

19:33:07

From Mike Daly - Camp CARE : We actually looped our partnering clinics right into the planning conversation, and made sure they had input.

19:34:57

From Derek Bycraft - Camp Catch-A-Rainbow : @Caitlyn: We are a one-week program and are looking at having staff stay on site the entire week to reduce any trips into town and bringing bad juju back. There will be hour slots built in each day for volunteers/staff to drop off their cabin at an activity area and use that for showers/calls/naps/etc. Not the greatest and will be a rude awakening for some of our volunteers that they're actually there for the kids, but it's the best we can think of doing to not burst the camp bubble.

19:36:02

From Tim Porea Camp Periwinkle : There was a brief mention of vaccine status. In Texas we've been able to start vaccinating our patients >= age 16. Has anyone thought of in-person camp for patients only, who've been vaccinated? Obviously would only be older teens who could come but would at least be something to do in-person.

19:36:15

From Tanya Krohn, The Goodtimes Project : In WA, we're expecting governance by April 1 as to whether camps will be open this summer. Since we can't wait until then, we opened up camper applications today; had 65 applications in an hour or so. We added a specific section to the application that asks their likelihood of attending in-person (if we host it) and virtual (if we host it), and small, group meetups at multiple locations across the state (if we can host them). All parents have said their kids would definitely attend or were highly likely to attend in-person; kinda shocked me. Having a second medical COVID task force meeting tomorrow to discuss; docs, nurses, and infectious disease doc.

19:36:18

From Deb-Camp iHope : We presented the data to our medical team--the ACA recommendations, how we would implement the NPI's, what are camp site has implemented (we rent our facility) they are open--and want to be in-person--but are waiting to see what the COVID landscape looks like in the next month or so. Our planning committee is doing the heavy lifting right now--by planning in-person with

some virtual and also a separate virtual program

19:36:39

From Katie- Camp Goodtimes at YMCA Camp Reed : The Association of Camp Nurses has some great resources for medical and camp leadership

19:37:27

From Jennifer-Mak-A-Dream : Our campers and volunteers come from all over the country, most fly here, so screening upon arrival isn't really feasible since we would not have an option to fly them back home if they test positive.

19:38:24

From Tanya Krohn, The Goodtimes Project : How honestly do you all think parents would answer such a pre-camp questionnaire?

19:38:42

From Kara, Camp Little Red Door : We will be providing sanitizer and masks for our campers and staff. they will be required to wear a mask at all times except in their cabin. Our host site is also asking campers and family to self isolate the week before camp, as well as asking the families to do so while their kiddo is at camp

19:38:48

From Jenifer - Camp Periwinkle : Wha about the 30% of people who get COVID and have no symptoms?

19:39:38

From Ryan, Happiness Is Camping : We're having them test at home within 72 hours of arriving as an added precaution for asymptomatic kids/staff

19:39:54

From Jayne Finkowski-Rivera - Camp Periwinkle : A concern for us as we raise all of the funds for camps is what is the best use of that money. If we have to go to a limited, less acute patient mix, with lower numbers for an in person camp vs an inclusive Virtual camp including patients, multiple sibs, in hospital patients without a real limit on camper #s, it seems the better use of funds would be Virtual. Also, if live camp started and we had an outbreak, we would be spending a bunch of money upfront, and cancelling camp in the middle or early on..

19:41:09 From Michele Vernon : What level of masks are you purchasing for the kids and the staff? KN95's...I understand that CDC will be coming out soon with different levels and recommendations for masks.

19:42:17

From Kara, Camp Little Red Door : We are waiting for the CDC recommendation. We have some corporate partners looking into donating to help with purchasing different themed masks for each day.

19:42:45

From Deb-Camp iHope : Ryan can you share those resources

19:43:20

From Ryan, Happiness Is Camping : Ours is called Diligent Urgent Care but it's NJ based 19:43:23

From Beverley Tidwell : Only take Kiwi's!

19:43:53

From Iain Riddle - Camp Happy Days : I too am New Zealand's problem

19:43:56

From Alan Homans : We (Vermont) have staff/volunteers that come from all over the country for a relatively short camp. A bubble isn't practicable. We felt there were too many unknowns at this point and decided to go virtual. We don't have a parents town hall but my sense is that parents are very, very cautious right now (we have a hard time getting some to even come to clinic?)

19:45:59

From Michele Vernon : Maryland is currently not allowing us to have any children in camp that live out

of state. Something like this might effect other camps in their specific state if they have out of state campers. Check with your local DOH!

19:46:27

From Iain Riddle - Camp Happy Days : For those single session camps who have out of state volunteers. How much time are you requiring for them to travel and quarantine prior to that session 19:46:55

From Ryan, Happiness Is Camping : At ACA National Tracey Gaslin recommended that camps operating for one week have a robust testing strategy. Arriving to camp with a negative test in hand and testing as they arrive

19:47:36

From Ashley - Camp Hobe : Where do you find these state guidelines for camps and staffs? 19:48:30

From Deb-Camp iHope : Is anyone tracking what is happening with schools in their area? We have several teachers on our planning committee and they have been very helpful--Texas has been back in school all year which has helped in looking at their experiences

19:51:00

From Michele Vernon : For expenses - keep in mind that socially distanced bussing will be more costly ( one camper per row - or sibling in one row), etc.

19:52:04

From Derek Bycraft - Camp Catch-A-Rainbow : Our biggest donors decreased their contributions when going virtual - they wanted their money to go to in-person experiences rather than virtual. Hope that's not the case for the majority of folks here.

19:52:05

From Beverley Tidwell : Some donors allowed us to re-purpose funding and we supplied families with household essentials.

19:53:46

From Michele Vernon : Last summer we invited select donors to join in some zoom sessions for 10 minutes to give them the feel of what was happening - and they were thrilled to see camp is still happening. Virtual does not mean that donors don't have a sense of what's happening. Those donors maintained or increased their funding.

19:53:48

From Derek Bycraft - Camp Catch-A-Rainbow : Our "smaller" donors (let's be real, all donations are huge!) had no change in their gifts, in fact we saw increases in some. Those gifts were mostly from former campers and staff.

19:54:38

From Jayne Finkowski-Rivera - Camp Periwinkle : An issue that has come up with our Board is the number of camper/patient contacts we are able to fund. I think this year we still can "touch" more campers Virtual than in person based on our situation with campers and counselors.

19:55:35

From Tanya Krohn, The Goodtimes Project : Same Jayne; one of our major considerations is adhering our mission of serving as many families as possible

19:55:47

From Dennis - Camp Ta-Kum-Ta : Our donors and community have been very supportive of our virtual programs and see the direct connection to our mission. We have been fortunate.

19:56:04

From Brian Crater : American Camp Association COVID -19 field Guide:

<https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/field-guide-camps> 19:56:29

From Iain Riddle - Camp Happy Days : bingo

19:56:45

From Cindy Candela-Ryan Ronald McDonald Camp : Our strategy was to focus on in-kind donations, ie.

Amazon wish list for supplies, adopt a camper box and community professionals running some of our programming, like artists, performing arts, pro sports figures, etc which did not cost us \$\$

19:58:17

From Dennis - Camp Ta-Kum-Ta : Agreed Sally!! Our partnership with the hospital is critical! Mission driven decion-making.

19:59:07

From David Shore : ACA Camp State-by-State Guidance

<https://acacamps.app.box.com/s/gwjgyzbzlmactz1awhwp3d49chsxrqvn> ACA PPE, Cleaning Supplies and Quantity Recs

[https://www.acacamps.org/sites/default/files/resource\\_library/operations-guide/ehe-suggested-camp-supplies.pdf](https://www.acacamps.org/sites/default/files/resource_library/operations-guide/ehe-suggested-camp-supplies.pdf)

19:59:27

From Iain Riddle - Camp Happy Days : BUT YOU CRUSHED IT 19:59:32

From Iain Riddle - Camp Happy Days : AND IT WASNT YOUR FAULT 20:00:41

From Iain Riddle - Camp Happy Days : THANK YOU

20:00:57

From Jennifer-COCA-I : thank you for joining tonight! Join us again next Wed. night! 20:00:58

From Tanya Krohn, The Goodtimes Project : Camp is where your heart is! Thank you. 20:01:10

From Deb Camp Happy Times : Thank you!

20:01:13

From Suzie - Camp Okizu : Thank you all! 20:01:13

From Heather - Camp Okizu : Thank you all!

20:01:16

From Michael "Knuckles" - Okizu : You are all so great

20:01:19

From Katie- Camp Goodtimes at YMCA Camp Reed : thank you for tonight! 20:01:21

From Dina-Ta-Kum-Ta : Thank you!!!

20:01:22

From Ashley - Camp Hobe : Thank you!

20:01:23

From Michael "Knuckles" - Okizu : Thank you so much!

20:01:23

From Jenn Balkema - Camp Watcha Wanna Do : Thank you for doing this, it is nice to hear what others are doing and thinking!

20:01:24

From Ryan, Happiness Is Camping : Thank you!! 20:01:25

From Michael Katz : Thank you!!

20:01:26

From Larry Geiger : Thank you

20:01:27

From Maureen McAllister - Camp Sunshine Maine : thank you!! 20:01:40

From Beverley Tidwell : Thank you everyone! Be safe!

20:01:42

From Rosemary - Ta-Kum-Ta : Thank you.....

20:01:43

From Kara, Camp Little Red Door : Thank you! 20:01:48  
From EmJ Juszczyk : THANK YAAAA

20:01:49

From Julie M - Camp Kemo, RAH : Thanks!

20:01:50

From Cindy - Camp Happy Days : Thank you somuch 20:01:56  
From Tim Porea Camp Periwinkle : Thanks very much. 20:01:57  
From Dina-Ta-Kum-Ta : Great to see you all!!

20:01:58

From Anne / Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake : Thank you! 20:01:58  
From Deb-Camp iHope : Thank you

20:02:03

From Dave Caterino - Camp Takumta : THANKS everyone ...

20:02:05

From Jen EW Camp Mak-A-Dream : Thanks all! Stay safe (and warm!!!) 20:02:09  
From Carrie Keuten : Thanks to the panel and you to Matt!!

20:02:10

From Cindy Candela-Ryan Ronald McDonald Camp : So helpful, thank you! 20:02:22  
From Beth Mak A Dream : Be well everyone. Thank you!

20:02:27

From Andrew Eichenfield : Thanks, all!

20:02:38

From Ryan, Happiness Is Camping : ryan@happinessiscamping.org

20:02:44From Brian Crater : hanks to all of you to working so hard to support these kids and families when they need it sooo much!

20:02:49

From Ryan, Happiness Is Camping : If anyone has anyone questions reach out! 20:03:08  
From Dennis - Camp Ta-Kum-Ta : Thank you!!

20:03:17

From Brian Crater : ditto what Rayna said

20:07:23

From Jennifer-COCA-I : 73 out of 101 that registered were on the call tonight

