**WISCONSIN FARMERS UNION KAMP KENWOOD
COVID-19 RISK MANAGEMENT APPROACH TO REGISTRATION & CAMP
as of April 23, 2021**

We’ve been working hard to make summer 2021 plans for Farmers Union Camp at WFU Kamp Kenwood. The good news is that we are planning on having in-person camp this summer, albeit in a limited capacity to allow for social distancing and cohorting, in keeping with best practices. Luckily, we’ve been able to add some sessions so we can accommodate as many families as possible.

Safety has always been a top priority at Farmers Union Camp, and we are taking extra health and safety precautions as we consider the impact of COVID on the camp experience. We want our campers to feel safe and remain healthy throughout their time at camp, and for their parents to be confident that we are taking care of the health of their children.

As a member of the American Camp Association (ACA), Wisconsin Farmers Union has been able to connect to a network of camp professionals. Through this network we were able to review the procedures of 150 other camps across the country and hear from the experiences of many families who sent their kids to camp in 2020. We used the input from these camps and families, as well as advice from the Association of Camp Nursing, to establish the changes that will take place at WFU Kamp Kenwood in the 2021 summer season.

Summer camp in the age of COVID may look different, but with some added health and safety protocols, your child can still experience the great impact of Farmers Union Camp this summer.

**Please read this entire page before pre-registering your child for camp using the link on the website.**

Please Note: These guidelines were established in April 2021 and may be adjusted as we get closer to the summer season and the CDC releases new regulations. To keep camp 2021 safe and open to as many families as possible, there will be certain requirements and guidelines we will be asking each camp family to follow.

**Before Camp:**

* For two weeks before camp keep your family’s travel and interactions outside your household as limited as possible.
* If your child has symptoms of COVID or test positive for COVID at any point during the three weeks prior to camp, they will not be permitted to come to camp this summer.

**At Camp**

* Health Screening: Upon arrival campers’ temperature will be taken and they will be asked health screening questions like:
	+ Within the last three weeks, has someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19?
	+ Are you currently experiencing any symptoms of illness?
	+ Do you have any concerns with abiding by our new guidelines which include wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing, increased cleaning and monitoring your health while at Farmers Union Camp?
* Camper Cohorts: Cabin groups will be used to limit extended interaction between campers.
* Group Distancing: The cabin groups will have designated places to enjoy meals and activities.
* Health and Sanitary Protocols: Our cleaning protocols will be expanded and increased. We will provide multiple sanitizing and hand washing stations around the camp. Each activity will also have the necessary cleaning supplies to disinfect all equipment and areas between groups.
* Masking: At this time, we expect that cabin cohorts will not interact with other cabin groups. If campers do interacting with campers outside their cabin group, masks will be required (please see below for more information about masks).
* A parent or guardian **must** be available to pick up a camper within six hours at any time during camp. If a camper becomes ill, a parent or guardian must be available to pick up their camper(s) within six hours. The camper will be separated from the other campers until the parent or guardian is able to pick them up from camp.
* Daily Health Screenings: Each cabin counselor will perform a camper health screening at the beginning of each day. Temperature will be taken, and health questions asked. A record of these screenings will be kept for three months after the conclusion of camp.

**After Camp**
In the two weeks following camp, please inform us if anyone in your household becomes sick and/or tests positive for COVID.

 **Camp Staff**
The hiring and screening process for our summer staff will remain the same. It is our hope that since camp staff qualify as “Out of School Summer Child Care Workers,” they will be fully vaccinated by the time camp starts. We will also have a designated health supervisor onsite all summer to enforce COVID precautions, provide care, and distribute meds.

 **Cabin Life**
Cabin life will also have some new features. Each cabin will have fans to create air flow. This will ensure the air within cabins circulates regularly and, as a bonus, keep cabin temperatures more comfortable in the heat of summer). The capacity of each cabin will be limited, starting with a maximum of 10 occupants.

 **Group Distancing**
Depending on Health Department guidelines at the time camp begins, we will require each cabin group (6-10 people) to only interact with their group without masks. Meals and activities will be with their cabin group, with each group having a designated meal space where they can enjoy all three meals of the day while adequately distancing. If campers interact with other camp groups, it will be required to be outside and socially distanced. If this is not possible a mask will be required. We expect that campers will not use the Main Lodge for any activities this summer.

 **Masks and Social Distancing**

When appropriate, we will require campers to wear masks any time they are within six feet of another person, unless they are in a self-selected family/friend cabin cohort “bubble.” So, while campers should have their masks on hand at all times (we recommend a lanyard or clip), we hope they will not need to be masked most of them time, as they’ll be almost exclusively with their cabin cohort. We will make sure counselors and staff are communicating with campers when masks are required to promote optimal health and safety standards. Some examples of times when masks will be required: while singing, group lessons, while indoors, when social distancing is not possible, and when moving from one activity to the next – really, anytime rare situation when they will come in close contact with a counselor or other cabin group. Some examples of when mask will not be required: while in their cabin group when the counselor is at distance, in their cabin when the counselor is supervising from just outside, while sleeping, while socially distanced outdoors, while showering and while eating and drinking.

 **Contact Us**
We have not made these changes lightly and we know it will slightly change the overall camp experience. However, the commitment from Wisconsin Farmers Union is to follow safety protocols to keep our campers and staff safe, while still creating the camp experience with all its values and have a ton of fun along the way. We are happy to discuss any individual concerns with parents. If you have questions about our adjusted safety protocols, please reach out to us.

As we continue to work on our COVID-19 Playbook for the summer of 2021 – even amidst all the uncertainty – we are certain of several things. The responsibility for protecting the health of our camp community is a shared responsibility. Campers and families need to take part by making sure precautions are taken before arriving at camp. WFU will do its part by finding and implementing the best information and practices:

- Camp can operate and do so in a way that promotes and preserves the health of the community.

- Limiting interactions outside your household before camp, not taking part in high-risk activities in the two weeks prior to the camp session are the best way to ensure your camper arrives in good health.

- There are proven steps that we can take to reduce the likelihood of any spread during camp. These include layers of protections and precautions. These include moving activities outdoors whenever possible, operating in smaller cohorts, masking, and distancing. It also includes increased regular hygiene measures.

- Creating a “bubble, cohort or cabin group” can work to reduce risks.

Camp may look different, but we hope to celebrate the spirit of Farmers Union Camp even under these unusual conditions!

The other thing that is certain is that each of us have had our own experience with COVID-19. Many of us have had it, some have likely lost loved ones or been on the front line of response. Some of us, no doubt, have had limited personal exposure. What is certain is that, on so many levels, COVID-19 has affected how our children learn, play, connect and progress on the path to becoming a well-adjusted adult.

We remain certain that Farmers Union Camp experience can help children move through this time in their lives, not just tread water. The partnership between WFU, campers and parents is vital to making sure we preserve and protect childhood-and put the health and developmental needs of kids first.

If you have read through this document and believe that WFU Camp 2021 is the right fit for your child this summer, please use the link on the Youth/Camp page of the website to pre-register.

**2021 WISCONSIN FARMERS UNION CAMP SESSIONS**

Cost: $100 per camper (all sessions), plus $30/annual WFU family membership. $50 will be required to finalize registration; remainder to be paid no later than the day of camp. $30 WFU family membership is non-refundable; if camper is unable to attend, $50 down payment will be transferred to Camp-In-A-Box option.

Campers may register for only ONE session (unless they are age 16+ cabin helpers; see survey.)

**Junior/Junior High Camps (ages 8-14)**

June 16-19 (Wed-Sat)

June 20-23 (Sun-Wed)

July 7-10 (Wed-Sat)

July 11-14 (Sun-Wed)

July 25-28 (Sun-Wed)

Aug 1-4 (Sun-Wed)
Aug 4-7 (Wed-Sat)

Aug 8-11 (Sun-Wed)
Aug 11-14 (Wed-Sat)

**Senior Camps (ages 14-18)**

June 23-26 (Wed-Sat)

Aug 15-18 (Sun-Wed)