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Will we gather around the campfire? A Panel Discussion on Summer Camp Decisions
Our Panelists Today:

- Tony Vrooman - Sr. Director of Communications Camp Ondessonk
- Eric Starkweather - Lead Instructor, Child-Wrangler, and Teen-Teacher at Pioneer Camp (City of St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation)
- Laura Baird - Interim Director of Polk County Parks and Recreation
- Erin Policinski - Camps Director Camp Joy
What work setting do you identify with?

- Traditional Overnight Camp: 4
- K-12 School: 3
- Day Camp: 4
- Expedition: 1
- University/College: 5
- Environmental Education Center: 6
- Other: 1
Is your program reopening?

- Yes: 3
- Partially: 8
- No: 12
How are you feeling about the opening options for your program?
What is your program using for COVID-19 resources?

For Canada: https://www.camping.org/covid-19-resources/

CDC guidelines

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ruDY2MMaNUfaV0XIfRehIqjVxpr8mxlUvD1HzcYmYmY/edit

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NCDHHS Interim Coronavirus Disease 2019 Guidance for Day Camp Settings

State directives

ACA guidelines, FL Rec & Parks Assn guidance, Erin Bromage article on virus transmission, etc.

We provide Adventure base leaning program

We’re calling, texting, and otherwise communicating with campers much more. We ask them what they would want, what they think we should do, how they are feeling during this crisis. We build a culture of agency and empathy.
What means of communication has been used to provide pandemic information to your camp community?

1st: Emails
2nd: Social Media Posts
3rd: Phone Calls
4th: Other
5th: Mailing
Which safety protocols has or will your program put in place?

- Reducing temperature or staff & participants: 13
- Social distancing: 13
- Limiting indoor time: 12
- Limiting audience: 12
- Washing hands: 6
- Taking people's temperatures: 4
- Eliminating group needs: 2
- Allowing keeping distances: 4
- Additional cleaning procedures: 13
- Standardization meeting/meeting times: 12
- Other: 5
Will your program provide additional staff training?

- Yes: 14
- No: 0
- Unsure: 6
What new innovations have you made to your program?

- Going virtual
- Virtual connection
- Expanded camper-choice from a suite of activity options;
- Need to recreate 90% of our programming
- Virtual teaching
- Deliver supplies to campers' doorsteps, with Zoom check-ins throughout the week.
- Going virtual
- Adding extra outdoor space for meals
- Combined programs, so used the parts of various programs that will work with the current guidelines
How are you feeling about the opening options for your program?

- Excited: 100%
- Anxious: 27%
- Calm: 73%

How are you feeling about the opening options for your program?
- Excited
- Anxious
- Calm
- Unknown
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