



Covenant Pines Bible Camp Summer Getaway 2020 FAQs

Will my family/household have their own bathroom?

Yes! Our staff has thought deeply about how to configure housing so that each household has their own bathroom space. If you are in a Round Lake or Davis Lake cabin, 1 half of the bathhouse will have your household name on the door and that is your space for the weekend. This is also true for the shared Bald Eagle Lodge Bathrooms. Retreat Center rooms each have their own toilet and sink, and the shared shower space will also have household names on those doors.

What will meals look like?

We will be serving meals to your household while you're here at camp with us. We will serve dinner on Thursday night at 6pm for our first activity together. Friday and Saturday, we will serve a continental breakfast to give your household space to have a slower pace in the morning. Lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday will be a hot meal served by our staff. Our weekend together will conclude with a sleep in breakfast on Sunday morning at 9am. There will be a table for your household in the dining hall, but you are also encouraged on nice days to take your meal outside to a picnic table!

Will there be chapel?

As of right now, we will not be having chapel as many of us are used to here at Covenant Pines. There will not be a guest pastor for our time together, and we won't be in the chapel space for corporate worship. The rhythm of being together in God's word and a spirit of worship though will absolutely still be present! We will start and end our day each day at the outdoor amphitheatre for a time centered on Christ.

Can I camp at Covenant Pines this summer?

Unfortunately no. All bathhouse spaces are private spaces for households staying in Round Lake and Davis Lake cabins this summer. We also have intentionally limited the maximum number of people here at camp in an effort to allow for more space for social distancing in our activities and shared spaces. For these reasons, we cannot have tents, pop-up campers, RVs, etc. at camp this summer.

Will I have to practice social distancing and/or wear a mask while at camp?

Under the StaySafeMN guidelines, social distancing is recommended outside of a household unit. If social distancing can not be maintained, StaySafeMN recommends wearing a mask, especially if indoors. We ask that parents guide your children on social distancing practices. Per the Governor's latest Executive Order, we are requiring face masks while in indoor spaces. This includes the Dining Hall (while you're not eating at your table) along with other spaces such as the Camp Store, Craft Hall, and Fireside Lounge. This also includes shared lodging spaces outside your private room in Bald Eagle Lodge and the Retreat Center. Please plan to bring face masks for everyone in your family over the age of 5.

Will my family/household be able to play at the beach?

Yes! We know that--like many of our own families--the beach is a favorite spot to spend a sunny and warm summer afternoon. While the beach will be open, we do ask that your household practices social distancing while playing and please be respectful of the other households around you! In addition to the beach, your household will also have opportunities to play on our rope swing, use the waterslide, or go out paddling.

What sorts of activities will be different this summer?

While this weekend will look different than a typical family camp weekend, we can't wait for you to experience Christ at camp with us! You can head to covenantpines.org/family-camps/summer-getaways/ and check out the "activities" tab to see a list of activities around camp that are open, modified for summer 2020, or closed for now. Camp at its core is a place to play and have fun, to be outside, to slow down and listen for God's voice, to retreat together. As of right now, our climbing tower and giant swing are closed. We will continue to evaluate how we can open these areas safely for your household to enjoy. In the meantime, our programming team is dreaming up ways for you to have unique, fun experiences as a family while you're at camp!

Will there be staff around?

Of course! In addition to our year round staff, we will have a small team of summer staff that will be helping in a number of different areas around camp. You'll see the same smiling faces serving your meals, cleaning public areas around camp, and also leading your family in programming activities.

What are the cleaning practices at camp?

We have upgraded and increased the cleaning practices at camp in response to COVID19. We will continue to thoroughly clean, disinfect and sanitize your cabin prior to your arrival. We are treating all inside surfaces with OmniShield Protectant, which creates an antimicrobial barrier that ruptures the membrane of any virus or bacteria molecule and kills it. In addition, all outdoor program equipment (playground, docks, boats, lifejackets, lawn furniture....) has also been treated with OmniShield Protectant bringing the same safety benefit. Hand Sanitizer will be available in every cabin and you are encouraged to use it regularly.

Is this just for families?

No! We always desire to be inclusive of our single friends and household units. If you have a group of friends that you have been gathering with and/or living with over the course of covid-19 and desire to spend a long weekend together at camp, come on up! You can always contact our camp office at office@covenantpines.org if you have questions about how you can get your people up to camp with you.

Still have a question? Our staff are happy to help!

Program question? Email Natalie at natalie@covenantpines.org

Registration question? Email Angie at office@covenantpines.org

Policy and/or safety question? Email Matt at matt@covenantpines.org

