



**BADLANDS  
MINISTRIES**  
**2021 ON-SITE SUMMER CAMP GUIDELINES**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Badlands Ministries will again adhere to some small changes to our “normal” camp routine. These changes are minor yet helpful in ensuring the safety of our staff and campers. **Because campers stay in small cabin groups and are able to be outdoors and practice social distancing, risk to possible COVID19 exposure is minimized.** We look forward to another safe, fun, and faith-filled summer!

In 2020, Executive Director Brent Seaks and COVID-19 Compliance Coordinator Allen Gillam spent countless hours reviewing CDC, North Dakota State Department of Health, and American Camp Association recommendations and guidance documents. They obtained approval of our COVID-19 protocol from Sherry Adams, Executive Director of the North Dakota Southwestern District Health Unit, and ensured our staff were trained to implement the necessary health and safety enhancements for the camp season. We followed this same procedure for 2021, and this plan has been approved as well.

If your camper has any pre-existing medical conditions, please seek advice from your primary care physician for a recommendation on whether or not you should attend camp in 2021.

Contained below is an overview of the modifications we will continue to use for the summer of 2021:

#### Health Screenings

- Upon arrival at camp, all campers will have their temperature checked and will be asked whether they have had any COVID-19 risk factors or symptoms in the past 2 weeks.
- Temperature and symptom checks will be performed daily during camp

#### Physical Distancing/Masks

- Campers will be in close contact with others within their cabin group. Campers and staff will not be required to wear masks within their small cabin groups.
- Camp activities will be modified to emphasize physical distancing between cabin groups.
- Campers may need face coverings for indoor use when and if social distancing is not possible. We do not anticipate masks being needed often, but campers will need them just in case.

#### Meals

- Meals will be served buffet-style by designated staff with masks and gloves. Campers will receive their food in the cabin groups and will stay 6' back from the serving window unless plastic safety guards are in place.
- Cabin groups will perform most traditional “Servants of the Day” duties but will not be in the camp kitchen to wash dishes, etc. Kitchen duties will be performed by designated staff members.

#### Hygiene/Cleaning

- We will promote good hygiene practices such as hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, refraining from touching your face, limiting unnecessary contact, etc.
- Cabin groups will have designated times each day for showering in the Jordan River bathhouse. High-contact surfaces in the bathhouse will be disinfected after each cabin group.
- Common area restrooms will be cleaned by designated staff members 3 times each day.

#### Transportation

- If and when campers are transported in the camp bus, they will need to wear masks. Windows will also be open in the bus whenever possible.

#### Registration/Check-In

- Check-in at the start of the week will be “drive-thru” style. Campers and their families will drive through several check-in stations as they ultimately make their way to their cabins. Family members will be

allowed to get out of their cars to help unload camper luggage and say goodbye. One family member may assist in getting camper(s) situated in their cabin. This will be regulated by camp staff to ensure physical distancing.

#### Closing Worship

- At this time, closing worship is in person only for our campers and staff prior to pick-up. This service will be recorded and also available to watch live via Facebook.
- Those who come to pick up campers at check-out will be directed to drive-thru pick-up locations to get their campers and their belongings.