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Disabilities Council  
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# Welcome

**Summer Camps, Updates and  
Adapting Summer Plans**

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# Adapting Summer Plans 2020

# Intro



## Amanda Davis Camp Director

Amanda graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a degree in Special Education: Severe/Profound with Multiple Disabilities. She has over a decade of camping experience, including Camp Director for a weekend residential camp program serving individuals with disabilities before joining Camp Summit in 2017. Amanda's passion is serving individuals with special needs and their families and building community support to increase awareness and help them have more options in their community.

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# Camp Summit is...



- A weekly “stay away” camp serving over 2,600 children, adults and seniors with special needs annually.
- A unique program that provides traditional camp activities adapted to each individuals' special needs and abilities.
- A barrier-free facility in rural Paradise, Texas.
- A place campers call their own - where they enjoy outdoor experiences that promotes personal growth and fosters independence.
- A life-long opportunity for campers - with no upper age limit!
- Offering a 2:1 camper to counselor ratio and medical care so even those requiring personal care and fragile medical conditions are welcome.
- Respite to over 4,000 family members and caregivers while their loved one is at camp.
- An opportunity for over 400 young adult counselors and volunteers to experience the joy of helping people with special needs while learning to value the differences in us all.



# Regulations...



Some common things within Regulations

- Nothing has been put out about Special needs community specific issues.
- Vulnerable population
  - Elderly individuals.
  - Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.
- All Plans include phases
- Local State and National Guidelines





# Regulations...



National Regulations:

<https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>

State Regulations:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/open-texas.aspx>

CDC Regulations:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

ACA Regulations:

<https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus-information-camps>



# YOUTH PROGRAMS AND CAMPS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The purpose of this tool is to assist directors or administrators in making (re)opening decisions regarding youth programs and camps during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.



## Should you consider opening?

- ✓ Will reopening be consistent with applicable state and local orders?
- ✓ Are you ready to protect children and employees at higher risk for severe illness?
- ✓ Are you able to screen children and employees upon arrival for symptoms and history of exposure?

**ALL YES**



## Are recommended health and safety actions in place?

- ✓ Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing and employees wearing a cloth face covering, as feasible
- ✓ Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation of facilities and transport vehicles/buses
- ✓ Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, and staggered scheduling, arrival, and drop off, if feasible
- ✓ Where feasible, adjust activities and procedures to limit sharing of items such as toys, belongings, supplies, and equipment
- ✓ Train all employees on health and safety protocols

**ALL YES**



## Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Develop and implement procedures to check for signs and symptoms in children and employees daily upon arrival, as feasible
- ✓ If feasible, implement enhanced screening for children and employees who have recently been present in areas of high transmission, including temperature checks and symptom monitoring
- ✓ Encourage anyone who is sick to stay home
- ✓ Plan for if children or employees get sick
- ✓ Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures
- ✓ Monitor child and employee absences and have a pool of trained substitutes, and flexible leave policies and practices
- ✓ Be ready to consult with the local health authorities if there are cases in the facility or an increase in cases in the local area

**ALL YES**



**OPEN AND MONITOR**

**ANY NO**



**DO NOT OPEN**

**ANY NO**



**MEET SAFEGUARDS FIRST**

**ANY NO**



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



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ACACamps Association logo: enriching lives through the camp experience

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Social media icons: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, Email

Secondary navigation: STAFF & PROFESSIONALS, CAMPERS & FAMILIES, Search, GO

Hero image: A group of campers looking out over a lake at sunset.

# Camp Operations Guide Summer 2020

Breadcrumbs: COVID-19 Resource Center > Camp Business > Camp Operations Guide Summer 2020

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[https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020?utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=cdc&utm\\_content=may-14&\\_zs=rWAPX&\\_zl=Xwl62](https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=email&utm_term=cdc&utm_content=may-14&_zs=rWAPX&_zl=Xwl62)



# Our Camp...



- **Spring** – We held 1 week of spring break, before canceling program and working from home.
- **Summer** - Canceled with hope of opening small programming if able to before fall season.
- **Fall** Hoping to be able to have camp with new policy and procedures.

## Examples of what we need to open:

- PPE
- Possible Testing and Screening
- Pre-camp and post camp needs for each camper and staff member.
- Policy and Procedures to uphold National, state, CDC, and ACA guidelines.
- Able to ensure camper safety while at camp.



# What do I do...



## How do I choose to send or not send my camper?

- What is the camp doing with the new guidelines?
- Are there extra camp supplies you will need to provide for your camper to come to camp?
- How are they screening campers and staff? Send home policy changes.
- Do you feel safe about the camp and the protocols that are now in place?
- What are the health risks to your camper or to your family in your home if there was an exposure to COVID?
- What does your camper think?

### *How do I find this information?*

- *Camp Website*
- *ACA website*
- *Call the Camp Director*
- *Call the Camp Medical Team*
- *Social Media*
- *Ask your friends and support groups*

# Alternative Choices to Camp

## Virtual Camp/ Camp at Home



- Find the type of Virtual Camp that works for your camper.
  - Interactive (Facebook live, other platforms)
  - Videos
  - Zoom calls
  - Combination
- Find what works for you!
  - What does your camper want out of the virtual camp program?
  - What are you willing to accommodate as a parent in your home and daily schedule?
  - Can your camper handle camp in a different way?



# Other Resources



- American Camping Association
  - <https://www.acacamps.org/campers-families/news-resources/covid-19-resources-parents>
  - <https://www.acacamps.org/campers-families/news-resources/resources-highlights>
  - <https://members.acacamps.org/Virtual-Camp>
- Churches
  - Online VBS
  - Kids ministries
  - Social Media
- Local gyms or country clubs
- Other
  - Home Depot
  - Zoo or Museums
  - What is open in your state, city, county?





# It's Still Summer!



- Other Ideas
  - Camp in the backyard
  - Walk around parks or neighborhoods
  - Play in the sprinklers
  - Teach you child new skills (cooking, yard work, etc..)
  - Build your own Campground in your backyard



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# Thank You! Any Questions?

