

Alpengirl Statement Re Coronavirus Concerns

3/20/20

Hello Alpengirl Camp Families,

We continue to go forward with all of our summer camp plans as we monitor the coronavirus situation closely. We are currently developing or enhancing practices where necessary to ensure that we are able to maintain the health and safety of our staff and campers this summer.

Some of the key areas of practice that we are focusing on are:

- Enhanced Staff & Camper Health Screening Procedures
- Daily Staff & Camper “Health Check-ins” During Camp
- Additional Staff Training Topics & Scenarios
- Alternative Camp Arrival & Departure Meeting Locations
- More Ways To Minimize Person-to-Person Transmission of Germs
- Shared Space Considerations - Vans, Tents, Backcountry Kitchen, Public Bathrooms/Facilities
- Strict Adherence To Sick Staffer & Camper Send Home Policy
- Special Consideration For International Campers Traveling To Camp
- Quarantine & Evacuation Procedures For Staff & Campers Who Develop Flu-Like Symptoms
- Group Gear & Vehicle Sanitation Procedures Between Trips

A positive note from the Alpengirl Camp Director (Alissa) & Assistant Camp Director (Laura) to YOU... Fresh Air Can Help. These are unusual times. While our day-to-day routines may have changed pretty dramatically, its comforting to know that some things have not altered - outside our office window right now, Montana is starting to green up for spring. With so much uncertainty afoot, it is also comforting to know we can still rely on nature as a source of joy, peace, and health. We might be keeping some physical distance from each other, but the outdoors are there as a sanctuary and a playground, just like they are there for us during the summer months at camp. #alpengirlcamp #girlswithaltitude

Feel free to contact us anytime in Montana at 406-570-6312 or email us at info@alpengirlcamp.com

3/13/20

Hello Alpengirl Camp Families,

We are monitoring the evolving coronavirus situation closely. Our priority is the health and well-being of our campers and staff. Currently, we plan to conduct all of our scheduled camp sessions for Summer 2020. If things change, we will update our camp families proactively. We will continue to evaluate new information as it comes to light, and we are prepared to cancel or edit trip itineraries if necessary.

While there are many news outlets reporting on the COVID-19 virus, our primary sources of information are:

- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [The World Health Organization](#)
- [The U.S. State Department Travel Information](#)

As a preventative measure against disease transmission, we have standard hygiene practices at camp. These practices already follow the recommendations of the CDC and will be supervised by our staff on all of our trips to ensure compliance:

- Frequent handwashing with soap and water or using alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Using the crook of your arm (inner elbow) to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing or using a tissue and disposing of it.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Campers/Staffers who are symptomatic of an upper respiratory illness (fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath) may not start camp with us and may be returned home early from camp if symptoms arise during camp that affect the well being, health and safety of others.

As a proactive response to the current situation, we:

- 1) **Strongly recommend that camp families purchase a trip insurance policy and consider purchasing refundable airline tickets if flying to/from camp.** We have suggested A+ Program Protection (administrated by Trip Mate), click [here](#). Trip Mate has released their own information about trip insurance and the coronavirus, click [here](#).

As of March 1, Trip Mate suspended their offer of Premium Plus policies that included the “Cancel For Any Reason” benefit (CFAR). If you have already purchased a Premium Plus policy prior to March 1, your policy is still supported - Trip Mate is simply no longer selling new Premium Plus policies. You may still be able to find plans offering the CFAR benefit through trip insurance “supermarkets” such as [Squaremouth](#). Note that CFAR policies are not, and have not been, available to residents of New York State. If you pursue a CFAR policy, please read the terms carefully and note that many include specific time requirements, such as purchasing the policy within 7-21 days of paying a trip deposit.

- 2) **Updated our [Application, Registration & Terms of Agreement](#).** Alpengirl, Inc reserves the right to change its Terms and Conditions at any time, and we will notify parents in writing.

- The NEW due date for all camp forms and final payments is **May 1, 2020**.
- The underlined portion of the Cancellation, Alteration and Return section (part c) has been updated to the following: c) Alpengirl reserves the right to cancel or alter any aspect of our program, including program itinerary, trip dates, activities or location, as a result of unforeseen circumstances, including weather, environment, or health hazards. *If Alpengirl cancels a program before its start date, your tuition monies paid via check or money order will be refunded in full; tuition monies paid via credit/debit or ACH transfers will be refunded in full except for the non-refundable payment processing fees charged by Stripe.* If Alpengirl alters or cancels a program, it will not be held responsible for any incidental or consequential costs, damages or fees, for example: fees associated with your canceled travel reservations, equipment purchased for the trip (including non-refundable air tickets), substituted programs, or other costs or fees;

- 3) **Updated our [Medical Care - First Aid web page](#).** In light of the current events with COVID-19, we added more details to this page for your review.

4) **Offer a Trip Transfer Option.** If there is a different [2020 Alpengirl camp session](#) that is still available that you might prefer to attend, you are welcome to switch with approval from the Alpengirl Camp Director, just give us a call to see what is still available and check to see that it would be a good fit for your camper.

As always, please feel free to communicate with us anytime via email or phone.

Adventurously Yours,

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