COVID-19 Informed Consent Agreement 2022

(Please return this form by June 15th)

You can upload this form during your online registration process or this form can be faxed to 724-662-3723, e-mailed to campnazareth@acrod.org, or mailed to Camp Nazareth, 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137

Camper Name: _________________________________________________

Dear Camp Nazareth Campers and Families,

We continue to evaluate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Camp operations and continue to explore the ways to provide a quality camping experience this summer.

The Camp continues to review the American Camp Association (ACA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, and has developed its policies and guidelines considering them and considering the trends in infection rates as states and locations lift their mandates. Please note that Camp Nazareth will continue to monitor the latest guidelines and recommendations from the ACA, CDC, and other relevant authorities. We reserve the right to change our guidelines and policies and procedures to reflect the latest recommendations of the ACA and CDC and/or legal requirements of federal, state, and local authorities.

We believe that campers need camp more than ever, and are aware that as infection rates decline and mandates are lifted each of us will have different opinions about what protocols and policies should still be in place regarding COVID-19. The Camp’s policies have been developed consulting with its medical professional while also considering the latest guidelines. We have developed procedures and policies accordingly. Even with policies in place, we cannot run Camp without your partnership. We need you as parents/guardians to evaluate if Camp is the right option for you and your child. This agreement, together with the policies expressed in the Policies and Guidelines Regarding Covid-19 document are for you to determine if Camp is the right option. While last year many mandates were in place, this year most, if not all of them, have been lifted.

While we continue to monitor the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Camp Nazareth reserves the right to cancel Summer Camp at any time leading up to Camp, if it is determined that is in the best interest of the safety of our campers and staff members.
1. Evaluating if camp is the right option for you is the first step. If you do not agree with each one of the following statements/policies, we would recommend that you do not come to Camp this summer.
   a. Camp is not requiring its Staff, Clergy, Volunteers or Campers to be vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to attend/work at Camp.
   b. Camp is not requiring the use of masks during Camping sessions this summer. Masks are completely optional. If a Camper or Staff member feels more comfortable wearing a mask, they are certainly allowed and encouraged to do so, but mask wearing is optional.
   c. Camp is not requiring its Staff, Clergy, Volunteers or Campers to be tested for COVID-19 prior to Camp or when they arrive at Camp.
   d. The Camp Program will include times when the entire Camp is together both indoors and outdoors. Physical distancing will not be required. Campers will be together with both their Cabin Families AS WELL as with the rest of the campers at Camp.
   e. Camp is allowing buses and vans to be used to transport campers to Camp this summer.
   f. I am willing to have my child participate in a program that cannot guarantee 100% protection against contracting COVID-19.
   g. I am willing to take precautions as requested before, during, and after Camp.
   h. If my child exhibits flu-like symptoms at Camp, I agree that my child will quarantine in an isolation cabin if the Camp’s Medical Staff feel it is necessary and receive any recommended testing as soon as the medical staff can arrange it.
   i. I will be available during the week that my child is at camp and agree to pick them up within 10 hours if they show any flu-like symptoms.

2. Required pre-camp agreement.
   a. I have carefully read the evaluation process in Item 1 above to see if Camp is the right option for my child this summer. I have answered “yes” to or agree with all of the statements/policies listed in 1.a-i above.
   b. We will monitor our child’s health for 5-7 days prior to their arrival at Camp to ensure they are healthy when they arrive.
   c. My family will be socially responsible prior to Camp. To the extent possible, our camper will limit contact with others outside of our household for 5-7 days prior to their arrival at Camp.
d. If my child or any immediate family member or a close contact has a temperature of 100.0°F or greater during those 5-7 days, my child will not come to Camp.

e. If my child is exhibiting any symptoms that I think may be COVID-19 related during the 10 days prior to his/her scheduled arrival to Camp, I will contact my healthcare provider.

f. If my child exhibits any symptom that my healthcare provider determines may be related to COVID-19 during the 10 days prior to my scheduled arrival to Camp, my child will not come to Camp.

g. If either my child or anyone in my immediate family/close contacts has been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual during the 10 days prior to my scheduled arrival to Camp, I will follow the recommended CDC Guidelines available at: [CDC Guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov).

h. In the event my child or anyone in my immediate family/close contacts has been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual during the 10 days prior to my scheduled arrival at Camp, I will inform the Camp via email or call.

3. **Required during-camp agreement**

   a. I agree to have my child’s temperature taken upon arrival to Camp and throughout their week at Camp.

   b. If my child shows a temperature above 100.0°F upon arrival, I agree that my child will go home immediately if recommended by the Medical Staff and/or the Camp Director.

   c. If deemed necessary by the Camp’s Medical Professionals (ex. Suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19), campers will be required to wear masks indoors and may also be asked to be physically distant from other Cabin Families.

   d. Campers agree to practice proper hygiene while at Camp. Campers must wash hands frequently, before and after meals, and after using the restroom to reduce the risk of sickness.

   e. Campers agree to clean their cabins every morning to the best of their ability.

   f. Campers agree to check-in with their counselor daily regarding their health and make sure they are monitoring their health per the direction of the medical staff and Camp Director.

   g. Campers agree to follow all guidelines and protocols outlined by the medical staff and the Camp Director.
h. Campers may be sent home if they show symptoms of COVID-19 during the summer. These symptoms include, but are not limited to: fever, dry cough, tiredness, aches, pains, sore throat, diarrhea, conjunctivitis, headache, loss of taste, skin rash, difficulty breathing, chest pain, and loss of speech.

i. Campers agree to quarantine in an isolation cabin after showing signs of sickness, and to quarantine until our medical team can arrange for any recommended testing including a COVID-19 test if clinically indicated.

j. The COVID-19 pandemic is still evolving. While not anticipated, guidelines may change before, and during, the summer as a result. Campers agree to follow all guidelines and directions put into place by Camp Nazareth upon arrival to Camp and throughout their stay at Camp.

4. **Required post-camp agreement.**
   a. We will contact Camp Nazareth if my child tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of coming home from Camp.
   b. As possible, or if required, I will keep my child away from people considered high risk for 14 days after returning from Camp.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death, and senior citizens and people with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By allowing my child to attend Camp Nazareth, I am voluntarily assuming all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read all the above guidelines and the assumption of risk statement, and to the best of my knowledge, I and my child have met, agree to, and will abide by all the requirements before arriving to Camp, during Camp, and immediately following Camp.

_____________________________________________       _____________________
Parent Signature                                      Date