

N-SID-SEN

Camp & Retreat Center

A year-round Camp & Retreat Center of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ

N-Sid-Sen Camps

N-Sid-Sen Camp & Retreat Center and the Pacific Northwest Conference want to do everything possible to welcome folks to camp safely. It is with this in mind that we are exercising overly abundant precautions. We are following, CDC, ACA (American Camp Association), State of Washington, State of Idaho, and Panhandle Health guidelines.

See the following requirements:

What do I need to do prior to camp?

All those able to receive a vaccine must do so. Others able to get tested must do so and receive a negative test 1-3 days prior to arriving at N-Sid-Sen. In addition all folks are asked to restrict their activities that include contact with anyone outside their family group after the negative test and prior to camp.

In addition, all folks are asked to self-monitor their outside activities 14 days prior to camp. This can include:

- Taking and recording daily temperature checks
- Self-screening for COVID-19 like symptoms. We will send out a suggested checklist.
- Not traveling out of the country.
- No close contact with known COVID-19 positive persons.

While traveling to N-Sid-Sen please make only the stops necessary for fuel and bio breaks, practicing masking and physical distancing when you do so.

You will receive via email a health check list related to Covid-19. You will also receive a personal check-in time to arrive at camp. Please plan on arriving at that time. We are doing this for the safety of everyone, so it is important that you arrive only during your check-in arrival time.

All campers will need to provide contact information for possible contact tracing. This information must include phone and email address. This information will not be shared for any other purpose than contact tracing.

What can I expect upon arriving at camp?

Arrive on time for your welcome to camp.

All campers will be temperature checked upon arriving while in their cars.

While still in your car, campers will then be able to drive as close as possible to their lodgings where they will find further information.

How will camp be different?

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It will be shorter, 4 nights only. Thursday afternoon to Monday morning.

Look for opportunities to greet others from a distance as well as share in big games and activities.

Temperature checks will also be happening daily at breakfast times.

Outdoor dining will be the norm for most meals. Folks will arrive at meals in pre-set assigned times allowing for safe flow for all. Camp staff will be setting and wiping tables.

No guests will be allowed into the kitchen for any reason.

There will be an absence of padded furniture and bench cushions. Although there will be metal folding chairs, guests are invited to bring their own folding camp chairs.

Some buildings and spaces will be closed to all guests. These include but are not limited to:

- a) Syringa Lodge and shop
- b) The library, storeroom, and Nurse's cabin
- c) The craft room and fireside room below Forrester
- d) Any cabin or lodge sleeping area you are not sleeping in.

How will housing work?

This will vary by group. Most groups will be assigned a bathroom/shower for their private use.

Cabins will be exclusive use of a family group.

Lodge rooms will be assigned a bathroom as well.

How many people can come?

This will vary based on how many singles, couples or families are in your group. Because of the need for private housing and private showers we are looking at a maximum of about 40 people. Please know this is not fixed.

Will there be times I can gather with others?

We encourage folks to be creative and use the outdoor spaces amphitheater style worship, large circle connections, and big games with socially distant, mask wearing activities.

Can I visit with other family groups?

Yes, while wearing masks and social distancing you will be able to visit with others remembering to limit the amount of time and number of folks involved. Meeting on porches may need to become connecting in the many fields, meadows and beaches instead.

We have more than enough space for groups to be able to enjoy all that N-Sid-Sen has to offer.

What activities will be available?

Any activity that involves running, jumping, dancing etc., must be done outside. The pavilion and some covered porches may be used as long as social distancing and mask wearing is adhered to. Under no circumstances will any of these activities be allowed inside of any building.

A limited number of canoes will be available by reserving ahead of time. We have painted names on all the canoes to make them easier to identify. When a reservation is made for a canoe you will be assigned one along with a life vest and a set of paddles. Everyone must wear a life vest if using an N-Sid-Sen canoe. Sailboats, paddleboards, noodles, etc. will not be available.

At the swim beach social distancing must be adhered to. The swim dock will be marked at 6' increments. Because it will be impossible to wipe the ladders, docks, diving boards, ropes etc. it is highly recommended that hand sanitizer is used prior to beach access and upon leaving the beach. N-Sid-Sen will have sanitizer and hand wash stations. There will not be a porta pottie at the beach.

Campfires can be used as long as socially distanced by all members. Music can be played and singing can be done as long as the singers are all socially distanced from each other and the other folks. This applies for any wind instruments as well. Some groups are using traveling minstrels wandering through camp.

Basketballs, volleyballs etc. will need to be reserved ahead of time.

Ping pong paddles and balls can be reserved ahead of time for use.

What about cleaning?

N-Sid-Sen Staff will be cleaning all surfaces in Forrester dining hall every 2-4 hours from 6 am to 8 pm. All private bathrooms will not be cleaned by N-Sid-Sen staff while campers are onsite. They will be deep cleaned prior to and after every group. The restrooms in Forrester dining hall will be for all guest and staff use. The restrooms in the craft room and fireside room of Forrester are closed.

N-Sid-Sen staff will haul garbage from outside of Spirit Lodge, Ford Cabin, the Bathhouse and Stillwater, Campers will be asked to empty garbage and recyclables into these outside receptacles.

N-Sid-Sen will have hand wash stations and hand sanitizers set out for guest use. Guests are encouraged to bring their own sanitizer as well.

What about linens?

Quilts and blankets will only be available as rentals along with regular bedding. Linens available are, Sheets, pillow & case, bath towel set, quilt or blanket.

Rental is \$15 per guest.

Bath towels must not be used on the beach.

What about cost?

Because of the added expense of more staff needed for deeper cleaning done more often and the rapidly increasing food costs the cost will not be much less than a traditional week.

What about if someone gets ill?

If someone exhibits any of the signs noted on the health check list, they must contact the leader of the event and then quarantine themselves from others. The leader of the event when then inform N-Sid-Sen Managing Director Mark Boyd. If after 4-6 hours there has been no improvement, then the guest will need to inform the leader and Mark Boyd and seek medical care outside of N-Sid-Sen. Each UCC sponsored event will have a nurse on site. It is highly recommended that others do as well.

One thing to know about contact tracing: If someone has been within 6 feet for 15 minutes with someone with COVID-19, they will be labeled a "close contact" and will be tracked by the health department daily via text and forced to quarantine for 10 days (whether their test is negative or positive). So just that if you get within 6 ft for 15 minutes of anyone, If that person has a positive test, you will be forced to quarantine.