



Friends of WaMaVa,

We are moving our opening registration date to March 1, 2021 to give us more time to evaluate our summer needs. At this point, we expect to be operational for summer 2021. There will likely be directives from Virginia that affect how we must operate and a March 1 registration date gives us time to make appropriate plans.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

FAQs:

*Do you know what the dates and age ranges will be for this summer?*

Our 2021 encampment dates and age ranges are posted on our website, but they are tentative. It is possible that we'll need to alter our schedule based on the limits the governor may impose. We will make a final decision on the camp schedule by March 1.

*We have a credit balance in our account from leaving our money with you after last summer was cancelled. Will those funds be applied to my 2021 balance when I register?*

Yes. Those funds stay in your account to be used for 2021.

*What will some of the changes be for 2021?*

We don't fully know, but some possibilities include a limit on the number of campers, limiting large group activities, staggering the camp day schedule to minimize crowding, changing how we staff, additional cleaning requirements, etc. We hope for our operations to be as "normal" as possible.

*How might this affect staffing at WaMaVa?*

We are evaluating this as well and will make a determination by March 1. The counselor role will likely be unchanged. LAMPs (Leadership program) may be restricted to consecutive weeks instead of spread throughout the summer. We will still need kitchen assistants and nurses, but Bible teacher and junior staff roles may need to be modified or absorbed by the other staffing positions in 2021.

*When will staff applications be posted?*

Counselor applications will be posted February 1 with a deadline of March 31. LAMP, nurse, and kitchen assistant applications will be posted by March 1. Bible teacher and junior staff are TBD.

*How are you determining your COVID guidelines at WaMaVa?*

The American Camp Association (ACA) has put out a field guide to operate summer camps within current CDC guidelines. We will follow those recommendations closely as we determine Camp WaMaVa's 2021 protocols.

*If a COVID-19 vaccine is widely available before the summer, how does that affect your operations?*

We don't know. The CDC, ACA, and Virginia governor's office will make determinations to that end. We hope to have a clearer picture by March 1.