Coronovirus Updates at Xplore Track Out Camp



Beginning July 2020

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Car-Pool Procedures

Due to the current pandemic, only staff and children are allowed to enter the building. We have therefore transitioned to a carpool system, and parents are required to stay in their cars. Parents will need to follow the new traffic patterns in order to complete carpool safely and efficiently. Please keep in mind, there are other programs that are also implementing a drop off carpool procedure. There will be signs and staff members to help direct traffic.

There are preschool carpool tag colors (Green and Yellow) and Xplore (White). Please make sure you follow the carpool directions for your color tag. It will be very important for you to drop your camper off between 8:00am and 8:30am (or 7:30am if you are doing early care). Carpool for our preschool will begin at 8:30am. If you arrive for drop off between 8:30am and 9:15am, you will have to merge in with the preschool carpool line and it could add more time to your drop off (the preschool will also be using the circle). If you arrive after 9:00am, please call the Xplore office so we know to have someone come meet you out front in the circle. Carpool staff will be back inside by 9:05am but when you call, we will come out and get your camper for camp (please wait in your car).

Parents will drive in from the front entrance (Rogers Road), veer left towards the circle for our drop off spot (by the double doors) and wait for a staff member to assist you. For everyone's safety the following carpool rules will need to be followed by everyone:

- 1. Cell phone use is not permitted. We will not load or unload your child if you are on the phone.
- 2. Passing and/or going around another car is not allowed. Once you enter the carpool lane you will have to follow the traffic pattern until you can safely exit the parking lot.
- 3. Please enter and exit from Rogers Road as this helps with traffic flow.

4. At drop off, parents are required to stay in their vehicles, and they must display their carpool tag in either the passenger side window or the right side of the windshield, so their child's name is clearly visible. Please simply write "Xplore" and your camper's first and last name on a sheet of plain white paper to display for staff helping with carpool to see clearly and quickly which program you are dropping off for.

A staff member will come to the passenger side window and go through a health check with the parent about the child. Circumstances in which a child may not stay at camp:

- 1. If you answer yes to any of the questions regarding the health status of your family
- 2. If we take a temperature and it is 100 or higher
- 3. If the child is exhibiting any signs of not feeling well (flushed cheeks, fatigue, extreme fussiness, chills, shivering, sweating, achiness, headache, not eating or drinking, or not engaging in play when they normally do).

It will be discussed how long your child will need to be home before coming back to camp. This will be dependent upon the reasons why they are not allowed to attend.

Once it is assessed that your child is well enough to attend, a staff member will open the car door and help your child exit the vehicle with any items that need to come into camp (please limit what your child brings to camp so as not to share germs from home to camp and back again). Children's hands will be sanitized at this time. We will also require them to have a mask on as they enter the building. Masks will be worn for certain parts of our day when social distancing is impossible or unlikely. If we are in an environment or situation when the mask is not needed, we will not require them to wear it. The child will be escorted to camp where their teachers and friends are waiting in the Children's

Center. Once children arrive in the Children's Center, they will need to put their items away at their "home base table" with only one other camper (sibling if available) and wash their hands.

Pick-up procedures

Pick up procedures will be similar to drop-off. Please follow the same carpool traffic patterns and have your carpool tag visible. Children will be brought out as vehicles enter the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone. Staff will walk your child to the vehicle, open the door for them, and help them into their seat. Due to liability issues, staff are not allowed to buckle children into their seats. For the safety of your child, please pull forward to the designated buckle zone and make sure they are properly buckled in.

Carpool staff will be looking for cars in the pick up area starting at 4:30pm. If you arrive for pick up anytime before 4:30pm, please call the Xplore office at 919-229-0196 and let us know that you are out front or close by. If you are using extended care from 5:00-5:30, please wait patiently in the circle at pick up time. The teachers will be watching for you during this time and will bring your camper out to you with their belongings.

Health and Safety Measures throughout the day

Daily Health Screening for staff and children will include questions and a health check. Health Questions (please review at home prior to coming):

- 1. Do you or any of the children you are dropping off have: a. a fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, new loss of taste or smell, or (vomiting or diarrhea, children only)?
 - b. If Yes, you need to stay home.
- 2. Since the last time you were here, have you or any of the children you are dropping off:
 - a. Had any of the symptoms above
 - b. Been in contact with anyone with the symptoms above
 - c. Potentially been exposed to COVID-19 or have reason to believe you have COVID-19?
 - d. If Yes to any of these questions, you need to stay home.

Health check:

- 1. Temperature will be checked before the child exits the car.
- 2. Visual inspection for signs of infection such as flushed cheeks, fatigue, or extreme irritability.

Xplore office staff and teachers will be conducting formal and informal health checks throughout the day. If your child becomes ill or shows signs of not feeling well during the day, you will be contacted by the Xplore office staff immediately. You will be notified of what has been observed and whether your child is being sent home. If your child is being sent home, office staff will keep your child with their belongings and have them stay secluded from camp until picked up. In our current situation, children may need to be out longer for things like fever to ensure that they and their families know they are healthy enough to return to camp. The health of staff will be monitored as well and subs will be called if needed.

Changes in the classrooms

Social distancing for children in camp will be challenging. However, the teachers will create a plan where children are in small groups for play and masks will be worn if social distancing is too difficult. Teachers are required to wear masks for the majority of the day. Large group activities will be spread out through the Children's Center or seated at tables in groups of 2-3 campers. Only the Xplore staff and the children enrolled in camp will be allowed in the room. There will be times during our day where we will require kids to wear their masks and times where the masks will not be needed. If your child has never used a mask and/or never seen a person in a mask, please begin to work with your child on this so their comfort level is increased. They will need to get used to seeing adults with masks on and not be afraid.

Camp Payments and Registration

Online payments will replace PayPal payments and can be made through Myprocare.com (this is where you register your children). You can still pay by check (via mail), however, we can no longer accept cash payments. If you choose to pay by check, please mail your payment to the Xplore Track out program so that it arrives prior to your child's week at camp. Our address is: Hope Lutheran Church Attn: Xplore 3525 Rogers Road Wake Forest, NC 27587 Payment is due the Friday prior to your child's week at camp. If you have any questions, please contact the Xplore office at 919-229-0196.

There's an app that accompanies our ProCare system that will be utilized for contact-less sign in and out for our camp. You will receive an invitation via email with directions on how to download and install this app. This is a new requirement for our camp procedures during the pandemic.