

Farmhands Summer Program and COVID-19 Impact FAQ

Due to COVID-19 impacts on the Guidestone Farmhands community, Farmhands is making significant changes to its summer camp program for 2020 to ensure, as best as possible, the safety of our campers and alleviate some of the fears and uncertainty that our camp parents are experiencing. Below are answers to frequently asked questions related to our shift to a small group size camp model and the efforts we will be taking to provide a safe and fun camp experience during these challenging times. If you have questions that are not specifically related to the small group camps or COVID-19 impacts, please be sure to read our regular **Farmhands Parent Handbook**. And, if you are not finding the answers that you need, please contact us at info@guidstonecolorado.org.

What extra precautions are you taking to ensure the health and safety of campers?

The health and safety of our campers and staff continues to be Guidestone's top priority. First and foremost, to reduce the potential for transmission of COVID-19 we have switched to a small group size camp model of 6 or less (60% of the current state childcare licensing recommendation) and will not allow groups to intermingle. In addition, instructors will have between 4 and 11 days of no camper contact between working with different groups of campers. Guidestone is in frequent contact with the Chaffee County Public Health and is monitoring best practices being released by the American Camp Association. Rest assured we will be following all public health guidelines for day care centers and camps, and taking extra precautions whenever possible.

Guidestone has a COVID-19 health policy based on current guidelines and best practices. This policy includes detailed information related to: daily camper and staff health screenings that include temperature checks; what to do if a staff member or camper becomes sick; protocols for duration and frequency of hand washing; protocols for cleaning and sanitizing surfaces and supplies; protocols for snacks and lunch; and the availability and use of protective equipment. Because this is an evolving and dynamic situation, we will continue to update our COVID-19 health policy throughout the summer and a copy of the current policy based on the most up-to-date guidelines and best practices will be provided to parents one week prior to the start of their child/ren's program. Guidestone has been safely managing the risks associated with running outdoor programs for more than 11 years and our organization has proven itself exceptional at creating and operationalizing policies to keep participants and staff healthy and safe. Guidestone will be applying this expertise with extra vigilance this coming summer to minimize the potential for the spread of COVID 19.

What camps are you offering this summer?

Farmhands will be offering 3-day camps only, with up to 6 students per camp, to help minimize the risk of exposure of multiple groups over the course of a week. We will also follow a 2-week-on, 1-week-off camp rotation, to build in extra time for cleaning and sanitizing supplies. A themed Homestead/ Ranch Camp and Garden Camp will be offered each "on" week, with themes changing throughout the summer.

Camp dates will be:

June 9-11

Hutchinson Homestead Camp
Garden Camp at the LES Garden

June 16-18

Hutchinson Homestead Camp
STEM Garden Camp at the SMS Garden

June 30-July 2

Hutchinson Homestead Camp
Garden Camp at the LES Garden

July 7-9

Hutchinson Homestead Camp

STEM Garden Camp at the SMS Garden

July 21-23

Hutchinson Homestead Camp
Garden Camp at the LES Garden

July 28-30

Hutchinson Homestead Camp
STEM Garden Camp at the SMS Garden

Camp Details

- Max of 6 campers per camp
- Ages 7 and up
- \$120 per 3-day session; scholarships available
- Times: 9am-3pm

Focus: Outdoor play, learning and exploration.

- add basic general descriptions of each camp

Homesteader Camp

Ranch Camp

Garden Camp

STEM Garden Camp

My child is under the age of 7, why can't they participate in a Farmhands camp this year?

Based on current COVID-19 safety protocols and recommendations, all instructors and participants will be required to wear a mask and maintain a 6' separation. Because students under 7 have a more difficult time with fine motor skills tasks, often need hands-on assistance, and may have a more difficult time following the mask and distancing requirements, we are choosing to keep ages a little higher to minimize these risks. This was a very difficult decision, as we love working with these younger ages, and we look forward to welcoming them back next year!

What happens if stay at home orders are extended?

The small group size program model as designed is allowed to operate as an essential service under the current Colorado stay at home order. We specifically designed the new offerings to minimize the potential that we would have to cancel programs once we enter the summer season. In the event that local, state, or federal government agencies implement any future orders that would require Guidestone to cancel camp, we will provide a 100% refund to families.

What happens if social distancing orders remain in place?

Guidestone staff will operate camp in compliance with all guidelines set forth by Chaffee County Public Health, including any rules related to social distancing. Our staff are already working hard to develop ideas on offering an engaging and fun camp experience while operating under a social distancing order. Rest assured, as long as social distancing and masks are required for the safety of our campers and our staff, we will ensure these policies are complied with.

What is your cancellation policy, and what if Guidestone needs to cancel camp for a reason related to COVID-19?

Due to COVID-19, Guidestone has updated its standard cancellation policy to include:

COVID-19 Community Health Cancellations:

If Guidestone needs to cancel a camp prior to the start of a camp, families will receive a 100% refund. This includes any instances under which a COVID-19-related change in local, state, or federal regulations makes it impossible for Guidestone to deliver camp.

In the event that Guidestone has to cancel a portion of a camp that has already started in accordance with local, state, or federal guidelines, families will receive a 100% credit for the unused portion of the camp to be used through Summer 2021 or a 50% refund.

COVID-19 Personal Health Cancellation: If a camper is diagnosed with COVID-19 or has any symptoms as defined within current Chaffee County Public Health guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 for day care centers or camps that require the camper not attend camp, families will receive a 100% credit for the unused portion of the camp to be used through Summer 2021, or a 50% refund for the unused portion of the camp. In all other instances, Guidestone's standard cancellation policy remains in effect.