



# CAMP BILLINGS 115<sup>th</sup>-ish Reunion COVID policies

For 116 years Camp Billings has operated with the primary goal of providing a safe and fun summer camp experience for children ages 8-15. As we plan and prepare for the 115<sup>th</sup>-ish Alumni Reunion this June 17-19, 2022, we want to share with our alumni what our current thinking is regarding COVID policies and procedures. As we have all learned throughout the last two years, our planning requires us to remain nimble and flexible. Our policies may need to change or evolve over the spring depending on the pandemic environment at any given time. Our intent is to provide you with a framework for how we are approaching planning for the reunion ahead.

For the Alumni Reunion in 2022, our primary objective is to provide both as safe and as “normal” of a Camp Billings experience as possible for all of our alumni, their families and the 2022 Camp Billings staff. The policies and procedures that we implement will be guided by the American Camping Association (ACA), Vermont Camping Association (VCA) and federal and state guidance from the CDC and Vermont Department of Health.

Below is a list of common questions. Our answers will give you a framework for how we are planning for the summer. If conditions or guidance changes as the spring unfolds we may also adopt different policies at Camp Billings for the 115<sup>th</sup>-ish Reunion weekend.

## 1) Will Covid vaccines be required for reunion attendees?

Camp Billings will be requiring all eligible alumni, their families and staff to be fully vaccinated and up to date against COVID-19 [per CDC definition](#) in order to attend the alumni reunion this summer. **Proof of vaccination will be required one month prior to the June 17-19, 2022 reunion.** Our top priority is to deliver an exceptional and authentic Camp Billings experience for all campers this summer, and we believe the best way to assure this experience is to have as many Reunion attendees as possible vaccinated against COVID-19. The reunion attendees will be in close contact with the 2022 summer staff which will see campers a week after the reunion. Adding this precaution will ensure the camp summer will start as safe as possible. If you have questions or concerns about getting vaccinated, we encourage you to consult with your primary care physician.

Religious or medical exemption requests will be assessed by Camp Billings leadership on a case-by-case basis. If you or your family member is granted an exemption to the vaccination policy, additional precautions will be required in order to attend the reunion, not limited to but including: additional testing, masking requirements, and eating arrangements. In addition, camp will continue to adhere to CDC guidance regarding isolation and quarantine protocols for close contacts; unvaccinated alumni/family members who are close contacts will be required to depart camp as soon as possible. Camp Billings has standard exemption forms that must be completed in order to be considered for an exemption. Completed exemption request forms must be submitted no later than April 30th, 2022. Please reach out to the Camp Billings Alumni Chair to learn more about this process at [alumni@campbillings.org](mailto:alumni@campbillings.org).

### To provide proof of vaccination:

**If you registered online, please upload a photo or PDF into your [online registration](#).**

**If you registered with the paper form, please email a photo or PDF to [elissa.malcolm@gmail.com](mailto:elissa.malcolm@gmail.com).**

## 2) What type of Covid testing will be in place?

At this time we are planning to conduct “gateway” testing for reunion attendees to enter camp. While this may shift it is intended to give our reunion attendees a framework to plan around.

All reunion attendees are strongly recommended to come to camp with a negative PCR or antigen rapid test for which the sample was taken 3 days prior to arrival at camp. Alumni are encouraged to schedule the tests with enough time to receive results.



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- B. On the day of your first arrival at camp (Friday or Saturday), each reunion attendee will take a rapid antigen test. Once a negative rapid antigen test is determined, the attendee will proceed through the remainder of the check-in process.
- C. If you are staying off camp and leaving for the night, you will not be required to retest with a rapid antigen test.
- D. Rapid antigen test kits – Camp Billings may be able to procure tests for all reunion attendees to purchase upon arrival but if not, you will be asked to come with your own rapid antigen test. We will send out further information in advance so that attendees can plan.

### **3) What will be the mask policy at Camp Billings for the reunion?**

At this time we are not planning to require vaccinated reunion attendees to wear masks at camp. We may ask those with medical or religious exemptions to wear masks. Children too young to be vaccinated will not be required to wear masks.

Anyone who wants to wear a mask should feel comfortable to do so.

### **4) What happens if a reunion attendee tests positive for COVID leading up to the reunion?**

If a reunion attendee receives a positive result on the PCR or Antigen rapid test the week of the reunion or on the rapid gateway testing to enter camp, the reunion attendee will not be able to attend the reunion. Reunion attendees who test positive prior to the week of the reunion (5+ days before reunion), may arrive at camp after 5 days of isolation at home and with a negative result from a rapid antigen test. As with all attendees, a rapid test will be confirmed upon arrival to camp.

If you would like to withdraw your reunion attendance, we will refund your registration fee.

*Please note this policy is subject to change*