



Thorne Nature Experience Summer Camp Update on COVID-19

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As the Summer Camp season gets closer, we anticipate that parents probably have questions about summer programming as it relates to COVID-19. We have tried to address common questions in the FAQ below. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Thorne's Administrative Director, Stephanie Brudwick, by email at info@thornenature.org.

Will you run camp this summer?

At this time, Thorne Nature Experience plans to run its 64th season of Thorne Summer Camp, and we have not cancelled any camps. The current situation is dynamic and subject to change on short notice; however, we are hopeful that we will be able to provide a safe and joyful experience for children this summer. Thorne is in direct communication with the State of Colorado Child Care Licensing, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, Boulder County Health Department, and will follow all guidelines and directives from these agencies as well as the Center for Disease Control. If there are any changes to our Summer Camp program, we will provide updates to summer camp parents as they come available by email and through the Summer Camp page on our website.

What happens if camp is cancelled or if I need to cancel for COVID-19 related hardships?

Thorne is currently working on contingency planning for our organization and for families, in the case that some or all of our programs need to be cancelled this summer as a result of COVID-19 challenges. We will update this FAQ as those contingency plans are finalized. **Please know that if you have already or plan to register for a camp, that we will offer 100% credits to the 2021 season if either you or Thorne need to cancel this summer due to COVID- 19.**

We understand that many families in our community have been negatively affected by COVID-19, and this may impact their ability to participate in Thorne Summer Camp this summer. We are currently operating under our standard Cancellation Policy that issues free transfers if you need to switch to a different camp or a refund to your original method of payment less a \$45 cancellation fee per camp through April 30. In addition, we are happy to extend the opportunity for a 100% credit for our summer 2021 program for cancellations made for any reason prior to April 30. For more information on our standard Refund & Cancellation Policy, see the information on our website ([LINK](#)). We plan to re-assess our Refund and Cancellation Policy in mid-April, and may adjust our policy to better fit the needs of our community and organization at that time.

If you have any feedback or suggestions related to contingency planning or transfers, refunds, and cancellations, please e-mail them to info@thornenature.org. We would love to incorporate any ideas that you have which could help us best serve our community.

What are you doing to ensure the health and wellness of campers and staff?

Thorne Nature Experience has always adhered to the guidelines outlined by the State of Colorado Division of Early Care and Learning to ensure the health and safety of campers in our care. We are in direct contact with the State of Colorado Child Care Licensing, the Boulder County Health Department, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment and will update our policies and procedures to comply with any new regulations that are put into place for the management of COVID-19.

Why is sending my kids to nature camp more important than ever this year?

It is hard to imagine that the challenges that we are facing related to COVID-19 as individuals and as a community, aren't impacting children. At Thorne, we've always believed that spending time in the natural world is important for the development of physically and mentally healthy and well-rounded kids, and as such, we can't think of a more important time for kids to be outside! Our Summer Camp programs provide kids with the opportunity to create, experiment, and challenge themselves in unique ways and nature is the perfect venue for this type of growth. In addition to this, cultivating social connections and lasting memories is one of the things that camps do best!

What if I have additional questions?

We will continue to provide updates on the Summer Camp page of our website and will notify enrolled parents directly of any significant changes in our policies or

programs. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Thorne's Administrative Director, Stephanie Brudwick, by email at info@thornenature.org.