

Date: Friday December 27

SUBJECT: Countdown to Northwest New Year's Camp – No Surprises!

Just two more days until we come together to celebrate community with dance, music, singing, conversation, and enjoying the peace of the great outdoors. We take to heart the health and wellbeing of ourselves and others. Please be aware of the Covid protocols we have written about in the October and December Camper Letters. Please read these letters, which may be in your spam folder; and also available on the home page at www.bashonvashon.org.

You will need three Covid tests per person: One prior to or at the time of arrival; one before dinner on Monday; and a third one to be used in case of exposure to a camper with positive symptoms or test.

When you arrive at camp and show us your negative Covid test, you will be asked to verbally affirm that neither you nor any children with you have experienced vomiting or diarrhea in the past 48 hours. If you/they have experienced either of those, you will be asked to return home. As stated in our camper letters, we will provide a full refund if you are unable to attend camp due to a potentially contagious illness. If you experience them after arriving at camp, you will need to leave camp as soon as possible. When you arrive at camp, you will be asked to affirm the following:

Northwest New Years Camp Health Affirmation

Please affirm to your Driveway Dragon, for you and everyone with you:

- **“I attest that I am, to the best of my knowledge, free from easily transmissible illness, and that I have not had unexpected/atypical diarrhea or vomiting in the past 48 hours.”**
- **“I will wash my hands especially before eating. I am committed to keeping my community healthy.”**

As noted in the October and December Camper Letters, please show a time-stamped photo of your negative Covid test to the Driveway Dragon

- **Needs to be taken within 6 hours of your arrival time, unless you travelled from outside Washington, then same day.**

Additional health precautions new this year:

Laura Brophy and Kevin Nettles have generously provided Hypochlorous Wipes for each table in Rounds Hall. Laura will talk before our first meal about keeping each other free from transmission of GI pathogens. Here's the outline for every meal:

- 1) Wash your hands with soap and water! In addition to sinks in Rounds Hall and Priscilla White restrooms, and the sink near the beverage station, we will set up a camp-style handwashing station on the covered porch of Rounds Hall.

- 2) Wait your turn in line at the buffet and salad bar; serve your plate.
- 3) If any serving utensil falls into a serving dish, please take it out and ask Camp Sealth to replace it with a clean utensil.
- 4) Take your plate to a table.
- 5) Remove one wipe from the provided canister of hypochlorous wipes; set a timer on a phone for one minute and use the wipe for one full minute to sanitize your hands.
- 6) Enjoy eating with friends old and new!
- 7) After everyone has had first helpings, re-wash your hands before returning to the buffet line.

Be kind, be clean, be safe!

For further information on preventing gastrointestinal illness at camps:

<https://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/prevention/healthy-camping.html>.

Your Camp organizers each year sign a contract with Campfire regarding the use of Camp Sealth facilities. **Please abide by these expectations and policies**

Supervision:

-All youth participants must be supervised by adults from your group at all times. We also highly recommend groups have at least 2 adults with a group of children whenever possible, especially for activities outside of the main camp area.

Facilities:

-Please return all spaces used at Camp Sealth to the condition in which you found them:

-Please only enter buildings or areas included in your Agreement for Use such as your cabins and Rounds Hall/Parsons Lodge. We appreciate guests' respect for Camp Sealth staff's private living areas and ensure that buildings stay clean and ready for future guests. Please also obey all posted signage regarding building or program area access.

-Guests may hike on designated trails only. Off-trail activities are not permitted.

-All guests must park in designated areas only to avoid damaging grass and underground structures that are not always apparent from the surface. Parking along Camp Sealth roads and in front of cabins is prohibited except for temporary loading and unloading that does not exceed 10 minutes. All roads must remain clear for emergency vehicles at all times.

-Please be extra gentle and careful when using our plumbing system to prevent clogging. Please do not flush anything down the toilet other than toilet paper and human waste, even if it says flushable on the label. **Please also avoid trying to flush a large amount of toilet paper at once** as this will cause the toilet to clog. If you see the water rising in a toilet, tell Camp Sealth staff immediately.

Safety:

-Camp Sealth is a drug and weapon-free campus, including all forms of marijuana. Smoking or vaping is strictly prohibited in all areas of Camp Sealth, especially in cabins and other camp buildings.

-Swimming, wading, boating, and use of docks/other waterfront equipment are not permitted without a certificated Camp Sealth lifeguard present, even for adult participants. This includes cold plunges, individual recreational swimming, any type of wading, etc. This policy is mandated by our insurance provider and covers all ages.

-Fires are permitted only in designated rings or fireplaces when a stage 2 burn ban is not in effect.

Climbing is not permitted on the bulkhead/sea wall, trees, buildings, or Green Circle steps. Use of the bouldering wall and challenge course equipment must be supervised by Camp Sealth Staff, even if participants are adults.

-To protect the health of our forest, **we practice Leave No Trace at Camp Sealth.** This means that we take care of the forest by not picking leaves from any plants, refraining from breaking branches, and generally leaving the environment as we found it. We also pack out all personal items/trash.

-Closed-toes shoes are recommended at all times.

Food/Meals:

All food must stay in Rounds Hall, a refrigerator in your cabin unit, or in a vehicle to avoid forest critters from partaking in your snacks. *NOTE: An earlier camper letter stated food may be kept in a sturdy sealed container in your cabin. Please follow this corrected statement.*

Alcohol is not permitted at Camp.