

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: AUYA Camps at Oselia Beskyd During COVID-19 Pandemic

This FAQ document is not intended to answer every detail of every specific policy, but is to serve as a quick Q&A reference guide for parents and guardians ahead of camp registration next month. As with the ever-changing information regarding COVID, we will be adjusting the AUYA camp policies and procedures as we continue following the IDPH and WDPH guidelines. However, this document represents the current situation/scenario. Any changes made will be communicated to both registered and unregistered AUYA families.

Will AUYA Camps open at Oselia Beskyd this summer?

While there is always some uncertainty as COVID-19 infection rates and guidance from health officials are constantly changing, we expect to operate day and overnight AUYA Camps at Oselia Beskyd in the summer of 2021. This is always subject to adjustments on the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) & Wisconsin Department of Public Health (WDPH) and state orders set forth by the Governor of Illinois and of Wisconsin.

Have any camps been cancelled for this summer?

We expect to operate day and overnight AUYA Camps at Oselia Beskyd in the summer of 2021. This includes the following camps: Huseniata, Sumeniata, Vyshkil, Molodshij, Starshij and Soccer camps. This is always subject to adjustments on the IDPH & WDPH and state orders set forth by the Governor of Illinois and of Wisconsin.

Will a COVID-19 waiver be required prior to participating in an AUYA camp at Oselia Beskyd this summer?

We will require you to sign a COVID-19 waiver in order for your child to attend camp. This waiver will be finalized at the time of registration.

Will campers be required to take a COVID test and provide proof documenting negative results in order to participate in any AUYA camp?

Not at this time. AUYA Beskyd Camps WILL pre-screen all campers, parents and staff with temperature checks and COVID-19 health questions upon entering the camp property. We reserve the rights to change this policy and require proof of negative COVID-19 test should conditions change.

Can you guarantee a COVID-19 free environment?

No. We will follow and enforce all State and Local health department guidelines as well as strict cleaning and disinfecting guidelines to maintain a healthy environment for all. There is no way to guarantee a COVID-19 free environment, although we will do everything in our power to ensure the safety of our campers and families.

Will there be limited capacities for each camp due to social distancing requirements and State/Local Health Department Guidelines?

Yes, both day and overnight camps will have limited capacities, so register early. If a camp reaches capacity, priority will be assigned to active members versus non-active members and date of registration will be also taken into account (first come, first serve). There will also be an option to be put on the waitlist for camps that reach capacity, on a first come, first serve basis.

Will there be a price increase for camp fees this year?

No. Even though there will be additional costs associated with ensuring the safety of the campers and staff, we felt that not everyone would be in a situation to be able to pay more this year, and that it was more important for families to be able to send their children based on the fees that they likely planned to spend. However, we will be accepting donations at the time of registration for anyone interested in helping with those additional costs for this year.

Will refunds be issued should a camp be cancelled?

Yes. If AUYA Camps cancels programming during your registered week(s), 100% of your camp fee(s) will be refunded.

Will refunds be issued should a family withdraw their registration?

In order to provide the safest and best environment for all campers and staff, camps will have limited capacities. Therefore, cancellations negatively impact other families that otherwise may have attended camp. **In the event that AUYA Camps is able to offer camp, and a family chooses to cancel their registration due to medical reasons, family emergencies** the full camp fee(s) will be refunded.

In the event that AUYA Camps is able to offer camp, and a family chooses to cancel their registration BY June 1 due to reasons unrelated to a medical or family emergencies, 100% of camp fee(s) will be refunded.

In the event that AUYA Camps is able to offer camp, and a family chooses to cancel their registration AFTER June 1 due to reasons unrelated to a medical or family emergencies, camp fees will be refunded minus \$100 per camper, per camp.

Thank you for being considerate of the other campers and helping to keep cancellations to a minimum.

Should I send my child(ren) to camp this summer?

The decision to send your child(ren) to camp this summer is a family decision. Please consider your own family situation, other family members, potential exposure prior to camp, and then any potential exposure upon returning home in making the decision that is right for you and your Family.

If a child is at higher risk for COVID-19 complications, we highly recommend that you consult their medical provider to assess the risk of your child participating in camp. Families who are not comfortable with the

increased risk of contracting COVID-19 should strongly consider their ability to participate or fully enjoy camp with the current risk and restrictions this summer.

Will my camper(s) have a different experience this summer?

For 2021, as you would expect, the camp experience will be different in the way that we interact with each other and participate in activities. However, although there will be changes to the schedule, the way we eat meals, or the way we congregate together, and the way we handle dozvillya, we will ensure that the feeling of community at camp will continue as it always has – complete with laughter, friendships, campfires, and many fun and educational activities. We are striving to find innovative ways to ensure a positive, memorable and educational experience, even with additional safety precautions.

What will be the same this summer?

We are diligently planning to continue to deliver on our **AUYA Camp mission**:

To create a safe, fun, educational and recreational camping environment for Ukrainian youth members as an extension of the yearlong activities of CYM that promote the history, culture and current events of our heritage while enabling social and sports skills development.

Your kids will have FUN. They will make friends, sing a lot of songs, swim and stay active in the natural, picturesque, outdoor setting that only Oselia “Beskyd” can provide. We will be planning more outdoor activities this year, and will be operating under IDPH & WDPH and state guidelines. More specific information will be available when registration opens.

What activities will not be available for campers this summer (that are usually part of the program)?

We are still confirming what activities will not be available. This will depend upon allowances from IDPH, WDPH and state guidelines.

Will campers meet and make new friends with social distancing restrictions?

YES, ABSOLUTELY!!!

Meal time - how will this be different?

Overnight Camp: All meals will be eaten outside. The roji will have designated tables either on the kitchen deck or under a large meal tent which will be set up within proximity to the kitchen. The tables and campers will all be spaced 6ft apart. We are still working on what the best method is for serving food to campers and staff.

Day Camp: We will be eating lunch and snack in small groups with their counselors at their group’s tables.

Will my camper child have to wear a mask this summer?

Yes. All camps will follow the mask wearing requirements set by the Illinois and Wisconsin Department of Public Health. **For those participating in overnight camps**, Masks will not be worn while sleeping, showering, or swimming.

Will AUYA Beskyd Camps staff be required to wear a mask this summer?

Yes. All camps will follow mask wearing requirements set by the IDPH and WDPH. At this time, masks must be worn by all campers, staff and camp family members staying on Oselia when indoors and when social distancing cannot be enforced outdoors.

What precautions will be taken to keep my child healthy and safe this summer?

Overnight Camp:

- Masks must be worn by all campers and staff during all indoor activities, and when social distancing cannot be enforced outdoors.
- Temperature checks along with health questions are administered for all campers upon entering camp on check-in day. Temperature checks will also be administered at least 2 more times throughout each day.
- Hand sanitizer will be used before entering Barracks/Tents/Kitchen/Stodola/Tents/Bathrooms.
- Hand washing will occur often throughout the day. Campers and staff must wash their hands before entering the kitchen, after bathroom use, and before activities.
- Staff will be trained to recognize symptoms of sickness and fever etc.
- A medical professional will be onsite for all camps.
- Our isolation center, located in the brown house and quantained from the rest of the house, will be used for ill campers/staff and will have a separate bathroom restricted for their access only.
- Following the camp's opening ceremony, campers and staff will participate in a "covid" training including specific information around our health policies and procedures such as, temperature checks, mask wearing, hand hygiene, coughing/sneeze covering, etc.
- There will be a deep cleaning of all camp facilities at the end/start of each camp.
- Additional cleaning will be implemented in and around campgrounds daily, including, but not limited to: daily sanitations, disinfections of the kitchen, stodola, kiosk room, bathrooms outside of the Barracks, pool area, kitchen, high-touch surfaces, and equipment.
- Head to toe sleeping arrangements will be enacted, with beds arranged in line with 6ft social distancing requirements.
 - 5 campers and 1 staff will be permitted to sleep in each barrack
 - 7 campers and 1 staff will be permitted to sleep in each GP-Medium Army tent
- Campers will be assigned to small groups (cohorts) during camp activities: these groups will not intermingle and will be distanced or assigned staggered schedules when large gatherings of campers and /or staff are using the bathrooms and indoor spaces.
- Activities will be planned for outdoors as much as possible, unless rainy day space is needed.

Day Camp:

- Masks must be worn by all campers and staff when indoors and when social distancing cannot be enforced outdoors.
- Temperature checks along with health questions will be administered for all campers upon entering camp each day.
- Hand sanitizing will be required upon entering Barracks/Tents/Kitchen/Stodola/Tents/Bathrooms.
- Handwashing often throughout the day. Campers and staff must wash their hands before entering the kitchen, after bathroom use, and before/after activities.
- Staff will be trained to recognize symptoms of sickness and fever etc.
- Following the camp's opening ceremony, campers and staff will participate in a "covid" training the same day of vidkryttia including specific information around our health policies and procedures such as, temperature checks, mask wearing, hand hygiene, coughing/ and sneeze covering, etc.
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- Activities will be planned for outdoors as much as possible, unless rainy day space is needed.
- Lunch will not be included. Campers will be dismissed prior to lunch.

Will someone at camp contract COVID-19 at AUYA Camps this summer?

We hope this does not happen, and are working hard to put protocols in place. Our first and foremost priority is the safety of our campers and staff. We will follow and enforce all social distancing guidelines, guidance from the Illinois & Wisconsin Department of Public Health, strengthen cleaning/sanitation procedures, clean equipment often and keep campers in small groups with social distancing.

Will you notify us of any positive COVID-19 cases discovered at Camp?

Yes! Transparent and open communication will be provided to ALL families registered for camps this summer.

What will happen if my child begins showing symptoms of COVID-19 while on camp?

We are still working through the details, but if a child begins showing symptoms while on camp, they will be isolated from the other campers for a minimum of 24 hours for observation. If the symptoms persist beyond the 24 hours or get worse, we will require that your child be picked up from Camp within 24 hours of being notified of the situation. Finalized details on this procedure will be provided at registration.

How will supplies/equipment be wiped and/or sanitized between camper uses?

Staff will sanitize equipment between activity periods and after each use. In addition, each group will be assigned their own bag of supplies/equipment so that their rij will be the only ones using that specific equipment.

What will check-in be like?

In an effort to minimize the number of families at each specific campsite at one time, we will be assigning check-in times for each family. We will also be taking the temperatures of all campers and parents along with asking the COVID-19 health questions while you sit in your car. You will need to plan your travel time to Oselia accordingly.

For overnight camp, will a parent/guardian be able to set up their child's cot and belongings on check-in day?

Yes. One parent at a time will be allowed in the barrack/tent during check-in. All campers and parents will have temperature checks during arrival. Hand sanitizer must be used prior to entering the barrack/tent.

Will Oselia Beskyd in Baraboo be open to the public this summer?

Oselia Beskyd will not be open to the public while AUYA Camps are in progress. Admission will be limited to only campers and their parents/guardians and siblings staying on the property who have also cleared all screening measures and have consented to the policies that will be put into place.

Will the camper's grandparent, aunt/uncle or other relatives be allowed admission on Oselia?

In the event that another family member, such as a grandparent, aunt/uncle, etc. will be taking on the role as guardian for a camper, are pre-registered as a guardian of the camper, have cleared all screening measures and have consented to the policies that will be put into place, he/she will be allowed admission on Oselia up to the capacity allowed in the motel rooms.

Can the camper's grandparent, aunt/uncle, other relatives visit during the week or on the weekends while the camp is in progress?

Due to strict restrictions on having outside visitors, camp will be treated as a "closed bubble" this summer, except for essential business only. With the current restrictions, the Oselia is only permitting campers, staff, and registered family guests on campgrounds to provide the utmost safety and reduce risks for everyone. Please know that this is done to protect our campers. When it is safe to do so, the Oselia will open for all to enjoy.

Will the parents/guardians of overnight campers be allowed to stay in the motels during camp weeks?

Yes, but they will be required to follow the same policies and procedures as the campers and staff. There will also be some additional recommendations specific to leaving Oselia during your stay, and interacting with the campers. These policies will be communicated at the time of registration.

Will parents/guardians/siblings be able to use the pool while campers are using the pool?

In the best interest of the campers and staff, the pool will be closed to anyone not participating in camp during each camp's designated swim time.

Will there still be dozvilia on Sundays for the overnight camps that run longer than one week?

We are planning to allow dozvilia however reducing the time spent away from camp to 3 hours. In an effort to keep campers and staff healthy, it is also recommended that dozvilia be limited to essential activities such as meals, laundry, etc...and that families avoid visiting high traffic or large group venues.

Are the policies and procedures outlined in this FAQ, and at the time that registration opens, final?

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