

Dear Missoula Children's Theatre Camper,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received questions from families about if and how COVID-19 will affect MCT's Performing Arts Camps. We know this pandemic has been stressful to many and recognize that socializing and interacting with peers can be a healthy way for children to cope with stress and connect with others, particularly after spending quite a bit of time at home. After careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that we plan to resume camp while following [CDC](#) and [ACA](#) considerations to protect campers, families, and our community.

WHERE/WHEN?:

- **East Shore Camp** for upcoming 6th, 7th & 8th graders will be held August 1-7 at [Camp Paxson](#) located at 4200 Boy Scout Rd, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.
- **North Shore Camp** for upcoming 9th & 10th graders will be held August 1-11 at [Flathead Lake United Methodist Campground](#) located at 21339 Methodist Camp Rd, Rollins Mt. 59931.
- **South Shore Camp** for upcoming 11th, 12th graders & 2021 graduates will be held August 1-11 at [Camp Marshall](#) located at 41524 Melita Island Rd, Polson, MT 59860.

FINAL PERFORMANCE: We will not have a public performance at the end of camp this year. East Shore will perform their final showcase at Camp Paxson, and North/South Shore will perform for each other at Flathead Lake United Methodist Campground (North Shore campground). The final showcases will be filmed and made available later for streaming by families. Streaming info to come later in July.

TUITION PAYMENTS: There is a tuition reservation set up under your CAMPER's name. East Shore tuition is \$550, and North/South Shore tuition is \$1,000. Starting on 6/16 you can call the MCT Box Office at **(406) 728-1911** to pay by credit card. You may also send a check to MCT at 200 N. Adams St, Missoula, MT 59802 (camper name in the memo). You are welcome to call and make payment installments whenever you'd like as long as tuition is paid by camptime. If you need to make a payment plan that extends past camp time we are happy to do that. Reach out to Paisley at kpaisley@mctinc.org.

****PLEASE READ **TRAVEL INFO**:** You are responsible for getting your camper to/from camp. We can assist with transporting your camper from the airport to camp, but they must fly to the following airport: **NORTH/SOUTH SHORE CAMPERS MUST FLY IN/OUT OF KALISPELL!!! EAST SHORE CAMPERS MUST FLY IN/OUT OF MISSOULA.** If you book tickets into the wrong airport, we cannot guarantee that we can transport them to camp. A transportation form will be coming soon where you can let us know exactly when and how your camper will be arriving to camp.

-North/South Shore: Fly into **KALISPELL** Sunday 8/1 as close to mid-day as possible.

-North/South Shore: Fly out of **KALISPELL** Wednesday 8/11 as close to mid-day as possible.

-East Shore: Fly into Missoula Sunday 8/1 as close to mid-day as possible.

-East Shore: Fly out of Missoula Saturday 8/7 as close to mid-day as possible.

COVID-19 INFO & POLICIES: The health and safety of our campers and staff remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible.

- Individuals eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine should get vaccinated and receive their last dose at least 2 weeks before camp start date. We are following CDC guidelines and recommending that everyone 12 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19 at our camp. People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the last dose. ***We are requiring that any unvaccinated campers have guardians within 2 hours of camp at all times to assist with potential off-campus quarantines.***
- At check-in, all campers will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test that was administered within the previous 48 hours.
- The Camp Nurse will perform a health screening with temp check at check-in for all campers and staff. Counselors will perform daily temp checks in-cabin for all campers and keep a daily temp log.
- Intensifying cleaning and disinfection practices within our facilities and premises by cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily, cleaning and disinfecting objects if they are shared (e.g., sports equipment or props), cleaning and disinfecting transport vehicles used for airport transportation, and ensuring safe and correct use and storage of disinfectants.
- Keeping campers in small groups of 10 or less, spacing individuals out in bunks as much as the facility permits, limiting camper access to cabins for housing, and distancing in rehearsals.
- Ventilating the buildings, including cabins, dining halls, and rehearsal spaces to increase air exchange and air filtration. We will open windows when safe and use fans to improve building-wide filtration.
- Limiting the number of items that are shared or touched between campers and staff by providing individual water bottles for each camper, keeping a camper's belongings separated from others in cabins. Having assigned seating for students in rehearsal spaces.
- Promoting healthy hygiene practices by reinforcing with campers the importance of washing their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, monitoring campers to make sure they are washing their hands, providing campers with hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol when they don't have easy access to soap and water, encouraging children to cover their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or to use the inside of their elbow, and posting signs about these healthy habits around the camp facility.
- Requiring all campers to come to camp with one week's worth of cloth face coverings that adequately cover the mouth and nose and that the camper is comfortable wearing correctly. Camp facilities will launder masks halfway through the camp. If not all campers are fully vaccinated, staff and campers will be required to wear a cloth face covering indoors, and in times when physical distancing is difficult.
 - Cabinmates do not need to wear masks or physically distance when they are together with only their cabin. Campers and staff should always wear masks when together

unless everyone present is fully vaccinated or part of the same cabin. When different cabins are using shared indoor or outdoor spaces together during the day or night, continue to monitor and enforce mask use, physical distancing, and healthy hygiene behaviors for everyone. If physical distancing can be maintained while outdoors, masks can be removed.

- Having a protocol in place for case identification, and contact tracing with caregivers and guardians.
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 - If a child does get sick at camp, we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolated from others. We will communicate with parents/guardians directly to arrange for the immediate transportation of the child to a healthcare facility for testing, isolation and care.
 - Isolated campers will be allowed to return to the camp grounds after a negative COVID-19 test has been received and they have been fever free for over 24 hours.

We ask that you help us protect the health of campers this summer. Anyone who is sick or was sick with COVID-19 or recently in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days— including staff, campers, and families— should not come to camp. Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick.

If you have a specific question about this plan or COVID-19, please email Paisley Thornton for more information. You can also find more information about COVID-19 at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus or on [CDC's website for youth and summer camps](#) as well as the [American Camp Association \(ACA\) website](#).

CANCELLATION: If for any reason your plans change, and your camper is not planning to attend, please reach out to Paisley Thornton at kpaisley@mctinc.org and let us know. Your deposit (\$250 for East, \$400 for North/South) is non-refundable.

Please look for another correspondence soon once we have the remaining paperwork (transportation and medical forms) ready. You will not need to have a physician complete the medical form this year. As always, the [PAC Information HUB](#) will have all up-to-date information. Until then, enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Paisley Thornton

Director of Performing Arts Camps

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