Summer 2020 COVID 19 Updates

Howdy!

Based on the COVID 19 updates, please read this newsletter in its entirety for updates on Campus Programs for Minors and all youth programs.

Message sent out by Texas A&M Chief Compliance Officer:

The following measures regarding Texas A&M University camps and programs for minors are effective immediately:

- Any face to face/in person programs are cancelled through June 30th
- Institutional level decisions regarding the remainder of the summer will be made May 1st
- Individual colleges/departments are encouraged to make decisions regarding the cancellation of any programs scheduled <u>after June 30th</u> based on their unique needs, personnel requirements and financial commitments
- Individual colleges/departments are also encouraged to explore online alternatives. If programs move to an online platform, please contact University Youth Programs for adjusted risk and compliance information including adjusted requirements to the yearly compliance checklist.

Making the decision to limit opportunities for potential future Aggies to experience the many wonderful things Texas A&M has to offer was very difficult, and we are diligently making informed decisions with sincere consideration for their impact on individuals and the broader community. Thank you for your attention and continued flexibility as we navigate this unprecedented season together.

Note: Events not subject to camps and programs for minors regulations will follow the current COVID-19 protocols for TAMU which can be found at www.tamu.edu

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Deadline of Application Submissions

Due to the constantly changing environment we are facing, University Youth Programs understands the uncertainty that this summer brings. In order to allow more flexibility, while still keeping risk management in mind, we are decreasing the number of days prior to the start of the program that the application is due. So instead of 60 days prior to the start of the program, **CPM Applications are due to University Youth Programs 40 days before the start of the program for the foreseeable future.**

Background Check Notice:

In partnership with Human Resources, an adjusted schedule of Background Checks deadlines will take effect in June. The schedule below allows for submission of names to run for background checks that will help program sponsors as well as limit the potential backlog. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is paramount that your staff members get online **on or before the assigned deadline!!** If they wait, you will run the risk of starting your program without them due to the nature of our quick turnaround this year. No exceptions will be granted.

Programs beginning during these dates:	Must submit their background checks by:
July 1 – 10, 2020	June 15, 2020
July 11 – 24, 2020	June 29, 2020
July 25 – August 7, 2020	July 13, 2020
August 8 – 21, 2020	July 27, 2020

Changing Plans for the Summer?

Programs that are choosing to include an online component to your program, please contact University Youth Programs, so we can discuss <u>risk management</u> and resources for this year.

We understand Texas A&M programs and third-party programs are facing many uncertainties this summer, and we want you to know that **we are here to help you!** If you are considering postponement of your program, cancelation, or switching to an online platform, please reach out to University Youth Programs so that we can provide assistance. We would love to set up a time to talk with you about risk management and what is best for your programs.

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