



Summer Camp Registration Update: 2022

For many years, our registration process has been first-come, first-served and, up until recently, this method provided the best way to register a large volume of campers. Over the last few years, the desire to attend MHKC programming has grown, adding more and more campers to the Waitlist, and the registration process has become unbelievably competitive. We have heard your feedback on the technical difficulties you have faced, challenges in accessing technology, and all of the other obstacles surrounding the current registration process and combined those with our own experiences trying to serve your wonderful campers. Below, we will outline MHKC's new application and enrollment process for the 2022 Summer Camp season and beyond.

When will applications for Summer Camp open?

We will no longer be opening applications on the second Monday of January. Applications will now open on the **First Monday in February**.

*****2022 Summer Camp applications are open February 7th - 20th*****

To be eligible for enrollment, your application and required Summer Camp forms must be submitted by Sunday, February 20th. Once you have submitted your camper's application, you will automatically be placed on the Waitlist, allowing you to complete the required Camp forms. These required forms **MUST** be filled out to complete your camper's application process. **Only campers who complete the application AND all required forms** will be eligible for enrollment into Summer Camp programming. Campers who complete the application and/or the required forms after Sunday the 20th will be placed at the end of the Waitlist.

How will campers be enrolled for Summer Camp?

Summer Camp Registration will no longer be first-come, first-served. Applications will open on the 7th at 8:00 am. Completing your application as close as possible to 8:00 am **DOES NOT** increase your chances of being enrolled for Summer Camp. Summer Camp eligible campers will be selected for 2022 Summer Camp programs using a lottery system. In order to be eligible for the lottery, campers must meet all [MHKC Eligibility Standards](#), must complete the Summer Camp Application, and **must complete all required Summer Camp forms** except for the Physician Exam Form (due May 15th) by February 20th. Campers who have been selected will receive their enrollment letter on March 4th and those not selected will receive a letter informing them they will remain on the Waitlist. Every effort will be made to place campers in their first or second choice of weeks but we cannot guarantee that you will be placed in either choice. Enrollment will be based on availability.

What if my camper is not selected for Summer Camp?

Campers who are not selected during the lottery will remain on the Waitlist. There is always a chance that another camper needs to cancel or we have additional counselors. In either

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event, campers who have completed all required forms will be selected at random from the Waitlist to fill these open spaces. We will also have MHKC's Camp-in-a-Box available to purchase, for those wanting a bit of Camp at home.

For those campers who remain on the Waitlist in a given year and completed all the required Summer Camp Forms, a separate lottery will be held before the general lottery. This will allow Waitlisted campers from the previous year the first opportunity to fill the available spots in Camp, during the next year's application window. This **DOES NOT** guarantee your campers enrollment into Camp the following year. In order to be eligible for the Waitlist lottery, you **must submit a new application when applications open the next year, you must complete all required forms for the new application, and your camper must meet all MHKC Eligibility Standards**. Should you meet all of these requirements, your camper will be placed in this separate lottery, only for those who were on the Waitlist the year prior. Any remaining spaces in Camp will be filled through the general lottery which will consist of those campers who attended the year prior and any new applicants. We will make every effort to place all Waitlisted campers, from the previous year, into Camp but there is no guarantee that your camper will receive a place in Camp. Enrollment is dependent on the number of people on the Waitlist for your age group from the year prior, the expected number of counselors, and the space available at Camp.

We have created a couple of graphics to outline the new enrollment process. The first graphic outlines an example of the 2022 Enrollment breakdown. The second graphic outlines an example of enrollment for 2023.



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It is our hope that these changes will create the most fair and equitable process for applying and being enrolled in our Summer Camp Programs. It is also our hope that these changes ensure eligible campers do not go multiple years without being able to attend Camp. We thank you all for your continued feedback and support. If you have any questions we encourage you to check out our corresponding video [MHKC's Talking Heads: Summer Camp Registration Update - 2022](#), join us live for our [MHKC Virtual Town Hall: 2021](#), or email them to Allan@mhkc.org. We cannot wait to see you all at Camp in 2022!

Sincerely,
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