



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!

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Hello Campers, Families, and Caregivers!

Since the dawn of time, campers have arrived at Camp on Sunday and headed home on Friday but this schedule has presented challenges for many people. We have heard all of your feedback and worked to address your concerns with some adjustments to the Camp schedule. Some of the concerns we have heard from you all is feeling nervous about turning onto Kiwanis Camp Road due to the high volume of traffic on Sundays and Fridays, disappointment in not being able to attend the Thursday night BBQ due to work or distance from Camp, or the challenges of attending the BBQ and then coming right back up the next morning to pick up your campers.

In addition to the challenges you all face, the current schedule presents challenges for us as well. In many cases, we are unable to contact a camper's primary care provider on Sunday's, when we have questions about a medication or care protocol. We also want the many supporters of MHKC the opportunity to attend a Thursday Night BBQ and they, like many of you, have a difficult time attending on Thursday nights. These individuals, foundations, and businesses are instrumental in being able to offer the life-changing programs campers enjoy. Supporters being able to experience the BBQ and interact with our amazing participants will help to cultivate their connection and support of MHKC and our programs.

With all of this in mind, we would like to present the new weekly schedule for Summer Camp 2022!

New Camp Schedule

For the 2022 Summer Camp season, **Camp will now begin on Monday** afternoon. Campers will still have assigned check-in times starting at 12:45 pm. The **Camp week will now end on Saturday**, with checkout starting at 1:00 pm. Additionally, the Thursday BBQ is also moving. **The BBQ and show will be held on Saturday** of each week, starting at 11:00 am. Parents and caregivers may attend the Saturday BBQ or arrive only for camper checkout.

For those parents/caregivers attending the Saturday BBQ, we will not be setup for checkout during the BBQ and Campers will not be checked out until 1:00 pm. At the conclusion of the Saturday BBQ, around 12:30-12:45, we will ask all parents/caregivers to exit the Camp and return to their cars. We will then prepare for checkout (e.g. ID check station, nursing checkout, and allow groups to get to designated checkout areas). We will begin letting parents back in for checkout starting at 1:00 pm. We want to thank you all in advance for helping us in this process by exiting Camp and returning to your cars. This process will ensure your campers are going home with the right people, the right medications, and all of their belongings.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
- 12:45 pm - Camper Check-In Begins			Camp Fun		- 11:00 am- BBQ Begins - 12:45 pm- BBQ Ends Parents & Caregivers Exit Camp - 1:00 pm- Checkout Begins	

It is our hope that these exciting changes will create a safer check-in/checkout process, lead to more positive outcomes for campers, allow for better communications with physicians, and allow more people to attend the BBQ and amazing show our campers put on each week! Thank you all for your insightful feedback as we continually look to improve our Summer Camp programs. If you have any questions we encourage you to check out our corresponding video [MHKC's Talking Heads: Summer Camp Schedule Update 2022](#), join us live for our [MHKC Virtual Town Hall: 2021](#), or email them to Allan@mhkc.org. Have a great week everyone!

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Hello Campers, Parents, and Caregivers!

Back again with another exciting announcement and this time it involves our amazing Family Camp program! For the last 8 years, we have been operating our Family Camp program, with the goal of introducing our youngest potential campers (ages 9-14) and their families to the magic of Camp. Though the COVID-19 pandemic has presented us with many challenges, it also afforded us a unique opportunity in 2021 to pilot a new Family Camp program, for campers of all ages, we called Family Vacation.

Through our combined Family Camp programs, we were able to share the magic of Camp to 30 campers and their families. New campers, returning campers, young campers, and adult campers all got to show their families what makes Summer Camp so special to them. Because of the profound impact felt by all and the amazing feedback we have received, we are expanding our Family Camp program.

***** Family Camp is now open to children and adults! *****

Family Camp is open to all campers and their families! Families attending must have no one younger than 5 years of age in attendance and have all members of the family willing to participate in activities. Family members are required to be with their camper(s) at all times during the week.

We will be hosting two sessions of Family Camp, **June 12th-14th** and **June 15th-17th**. **Registration will open on March 7th at 8:00 am.** Space is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Every family member planning to attend must complete an application and complete all required camp forms. Accepted campers and their families will be enrolled in one of the above sessions. We will do our best to place campers and their families in their requested session and/or with friends but this cannot be guaranteed. Campers for whom you have submitted applications for Summer Camp must submit a new application for Family Camp. All campers are welcome to apply for Family Camp however, campers who **ARE NOT** enrolled in Summer Camp will be considered first for Family Camp openings. Applications can be found at MHKC.org or by logging into your existing Camp Minder account.

We are so excited at the expansion of this life-changing program. If you have any questions, we encourage you to check out our corresponding video [MHKC's Talking Heads: Family Camp Expansion](#), join us live for our [MHKC Virtual Town Hall: 2021](#), or email them to Allan@mhkc.org. Have a wonderful day everyone!

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