

## **BCR And Our Response to the Coronavirus**

Brookhaven Christian Retreat, Hawkins, Texas - In light of the recent outbreak of COVID-19, we have decided to update our guests on what Brookhaven Retreat is doing to ensure the safety of all our guests for this upcoming Summer Camp Season 2020.

All summer events will proceed as scheduled but with new safety and health measures in place to ensure the safety of all guests.

BCR is working with the Texas State health department, as well as local authorities to monitor the situation and make adjustments as necessary as new details and issues with COVID-19 emerge.

We value the safety of all of our guests, employees, volunteers and community. Therefore, we are making the following adjustments to decrease the risk of spreading illness through contact. We believe and pray, as we continue to monitor news reports and daily briefings by the White House, that hopefully we will see improvement with this Corona-virus by mid May.

The measures are as follows:

## **For Outdoor Spaces**

- To establish hand washing stations with hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible
- Our staff will be cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces
- We will be encouraging staff to stay in their cabins when feeling sick
- BCR will work with each camp on scheduling the use of buildings that will minimize close contact and the use of a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces

## The following will continue

- Gloves are worn while preparing food
  - Hands are washed in a separate sink before food preparation
  - All surfaces are sanitized after each kitchen use
  - Staff is regularly monitored for illness and guarantines enforced
  - Dishes will be washed with bleach as well as with biodegradable soap after each use
  - Gloves will be worn while serving food
  - Hand sanitizer is always handy



## Additionally we will be encouraging our groups to maintain the following personal habits while they are at Brookhaven Christian Retreat:

- Do not eat or drink after others. This includes sharing a water bottle or eating utensils
- Wash hands frequently. Especially after using the restroom and before eating and bring sanitizers for each cabin
- Do not bring anybody that is feeling sick or have had a fever recently
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue
- Greet friends with a fist or elbow bump, 19th century river dance, vulcan salute, finger guns or some other creative way

As of today, we do not have any cases of COVID-19 from our guests or staff who are currently on our property here at Brookhaven Retreat. However, we are making sure we are prepared to reduce the risk of infection as well as have an action plan in place should a case arise.

This is an incredibly complex situation and one that we are monitoring. Over this next month we will be continuing to communicate with our groups, local authorities, and the health department and will keep you informed.

For questions, concerns and comments you may call us at **903-769-2811** or email info@brookhavenretreat.org

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