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# CAMP KANUGA

## Greetings from Camp Kanuga!

Camp is rapidly approaching, and we at Kanuga are getting more and more excited about welcoming you and your children into our care this summer. Below, you'll find a few updates to policy, helpful notes to use as you prepare your child for camp, and a very exciting staffing update. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions leading up to Camp Kanuga and opening day!

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### New Team, Same Spirit

We are so excited to welcome Elise Croak to our year-round team as Program Director for Residential Overnight Camp! Elise has over a decade of Camp Kanuga experience, and she has served in multiple Episcopal camping programs over the past few years. With a degree in Recreation Management and a focus in summer camping, she is the perfect fit to lead our residential camping program for many seasons to come! Join us in welcoming Elise, and see her full announcement in the link below!

Welcome Elise Croak

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### Preparing for Camp: Missing Home

As you begin to plan for camp with your children, we are confident that you recognize the unique position campers are in moving from a virtual and socially distanced world into the incredibly social experience

that is camp. This year at summer camp across the country is going to be like none other, and we hope you'll be intentional with your children as you plan to leave them in our care. Even if your camper has been to camp many times, consider the past year as you plan with them to return to Camp Kanuga!

Below, you'll find an incredible resource about preparing your child for camp this summer. A couple of highlights that are really important to your child's experience at Camp Kanuga:

**-Missing Home is Normal!** We all miss home when we're away for a long time. You have and so have I. That is no different for children

**-Talk positively about coming to Camp.** This may be one of the first experiences your camper has had that will remind them of a pre-pandemic life. Get them excited about that! Be a catalyst for positivity, excitement, and stability.

**-Plan to write your child.** A positive letter of support and love can be incredibly beneficial to children as they navigate the newness that is Camp life. As you consider what to share, acknowledge that they are missed at home, but that you are so excited for all the incredible camp experiences they are having. Encourage them to continue meeting new friends and trying new things.

**-Trust us!** Camp Kanuga has over 90 years of camping experience that we'll draw from this summer as we craft an unforgettable session for your camper. Each of our staff are qualified and well-prepared, and each will be well-trained as they embark on the journey of providing Christian experiences in community for your camper. Professional support will be provided as we prepare how to respond to those missing home, and we will always respond to your child with love and care.

## ACA: Missing Home

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### Safety Testing: Upon Arrival

As I hope you've read within our COVID safety plan, we will be testing Residential Overnight Campers upon arrival at Camp Kanuga for by contracting with Wolfe Inc and Keystone Labs. They will use the shallow nasopharyngeal swab, and each test for Residential Overnight Camp will be Lab based PCR tests. (Starter Campers will receive rapid tests provided by the State of North Carolina.)

Each family will need to register in advance for your camper to receive this test. A comprehensive check-list will be sent next week, but the first step for check-in will be to register for your test. You are welcome to do that as early as possible. The Registration Form is below.

You may forego the COVID test upon arrival if:

- You have had and recovered from COVID in the past 90 days.
- You are a Starter Camper
- You have been vaccinated with the COVID vaccine.

Please note that Check-in will be different this year. Full check-in instructions will be sent next week in Volume 3!

## COVID Test Registration

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## Summer Camp Resources

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