



## COVID-19 Impact FAQ

Due to the unprecedented impact COVID 19 is having on the community, Nature Kids is making significant changes to its summer programs for 2020 in order to as best as possible ensure the safety of our youth and families. Below are answers to frequently asked questions related to changes for various Nature Kids programs and efforts we will be taking to provide a safe and joyous camp experience during these challenging times. If you are not finding the answers that you need, please contact us at [info@naturekids.org](mailto:info@naturekids.org) or call 720.601.4964

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### **How is Nature Kids responding to COVID-19?**

- Nature Activity Bags and Photo contests – Nature Kids is providing nature exploration related materials, supplies, equipment, and information to Lafayette families through social service organizations and Nature Kids community liaisons, to help provide our families with the resources and information they need to safely and joyfully connect their kids to nature and the outdoors during these stressful times. To date, nearly 500 families have received support valued in excess of \$20,000. Parents can also text photos of their families spending time outdoors to 720.601.4964 to enter a weekly raffle for a \$50 King Soopers gift card – we give away 5-10 a week!
- Online Community – Nature Kids families are sharing how they are reducing stress and supporting the physical health of their children by spending time outside each day. Sign up for the Nature Kids e-newsletter or visit our Facebook page if you want to connect with other Nature Kids families.
  - [Like us on Facebook](#)
  - [Subscribe to our newsletter](#)
  - [Join the Outside Every Day Challenge](#)
- Youth Advisory Board and Promotores/Conectores – Nature Kids community leaders are engaging families and youth to get outside to benefit their mental and physical health. Our leaders are also

supporting Nature Kids COVID-19 response strategies by sharing ideas and connecting families and friends to resources.

### **Can I still register my kids/family for camps?**

- Registrations for all Nature Kids camps are closed.

### **How are camps going to change?**

- All Nature Kids programs will experience changes in either number of campers that can attend or dates the camps take place as organizations determine how to comply with COVID-19 related laws and regulations. We will be following up with all of the families who are enrolled or on the wait list individually over the next few weeks as we learn more information about each camp. Please go to the Summer page for information on specific camps.

- [NKJN Summer Camp Page](#)

### **My child is already enrolled in a camp. Will they still be able to attend?**

- Different Nature Kids camps will have unique changes to number of spots, dates, and locations. Unfortunately, many families will not be able to send their child to a camp, even if they already registered, due to significantly reduced group sizes. As we learn more about specific changes, we will call each family individually to inform them of changes and next steps.

### **What about family camps?**

- We are hopeful that modified family camps can take place and are working on the details. We will call families who are registered individually with information as it becomes available.

### **If my child/family cannot attend a camp we signed up for, are there other ways to stay involved with Nature Kids this summer?**

- As an offering to all of those families who won't be able to participate in a Nature Kids program this summer, we will provide for free throughout the summer a weekly virtual nature resource that will include activities and advice parents can use to help get their kids outside on their own. We will also offer any enrolled camp family a free 15 minute virtual consultation with one of our expert instructors (available in English and Spanish) so that parents can receive any direct support they might need and get questions answered about safely and joyously exploring in nature with their children.

### **What extra precautions are you taking to ensure the health and safety of campers?**

The health and safety of our campers and staff continues to be Nature Kids' top priority. First and foremost, to reduce the potential for transmission of COVID 19 many camps are reducing groups sizes and/or delaying camp dates. Nature Kids is in frequent contact with the Boulder County Public Health and is monitoring best practices being released by the American Camp Association. Rest assured we will be following all public health guidelines, and taking extra precautions whenever possible.

### **What is your cancellation policy, and what if Nature Kids needs to cancel camp for a reason related to COVID 19?**

Due to COVID-19, Nature Kids has updated its standard cancellation policy to include:

Nature Kids Cancellation: If Nature Kids needs to cancel a camp prior to the start of a camp, families will be contacted individually. This includes any instances under which a COVID 19 related change in local, state, or federal regulations makes it impossible for Nature Kids to deliver camp.

Family Cancellation: Due to the large number of reduced camp spots, it is crucial that your child/family attend the camps you are able to stay registered for. This allows the maximum number of participants for our community. If you are not able to attend a camp, please let the Nature Kids community liaison know as soon as possible so we can give the spot to another camper.