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Dear Spire Summer Camp and Program Families:

We hope you are safe, healthy, and enjoying the warmer weather of our Montana Spring. We wanted to take a quick moment to update you on our tentative plans regarding Summer Camps. **At this time, we plan to run Summer Camps.** We will continue to follow the guidelines and policies as directed by the Gallatin County Health Department, Montana DPHHS, and CDC.

Pre-registration is required for all kids' camps, but **we will offer full refunds if COVID-19 health concerns arise for the community or your family if you give us notice of cancellation at least 7 days prior to the start of camp.** If Spire must cancel the whole camp due to COVID-19 concerns, we will issue refunds accordingly.

We plan to implement the following guidelines in order to protect our staff and camp participants:

- Limited number of participants per camp to 15 participants with an instructor ratio of 1:5.
- Required washing or sanitizing hands when entering and leaving the facility.
- Required washing or sanitizing hands before and after each roped route and periodically while bouldering.
  - Instructors will have a spray bottle of rubbing alcohol to aid in sanitizing of hands prior to/following climbing and sanitizing stations will be set up at several locations in the gym.
- High touch surfaces (with the exception of climbing holds) will be sanitized frequently.
- Participants are expected to maintain a 6-foot physical distance from others (with the exceptions of providing necessary spotting, which is infrequent, and clipping underage climbers into autobelays).
- Participants are discouraged from touching their faces, especially with unwashed hands.
- Participants will not be allowed to share or touch each other's belongings.
- If participants must share items such as markers, balls, and other equipment, they will be sanitized prior to another child using them.
- Whenever possible, exercises/activities will be performed outdoors. Doors and windows will be left open during camps for increased airflow (unless it is exceptionally cold or hot).
- We ask that participants do not attend if they feel sick, have been around anyone that has been sick (within the last two weeks).

*These policies are subject to change based on recommendations from the CDC and Gallatin County Health Department.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [kids@spireclimbingcenter.com](mailto:kids@spireclimbingcenter.com) or call us at (406)586-0706.

We thank you for your continued support and patience and can not wait for a fun-filled, safe summer with your kids!

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