COVID protocols for programming:

**Safety Protocol**

The following procedures and practices will be in place during the 2021 summer programming season for all Arcadia Guided Outdoor Education (AGO) programming and contracted services. These have been created in line with CDC guidelines and best practices in order to limit the spread and contraction of the COVID-19 virus and its variants.

- On the first day of overnight camps, students must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the last 7 days or proof of full vaccination.
- Cloth face coverings must be worn at all times (doubled over neck gaiter/Buff, or double-layered cloth mask). Neck gaiters will be provided to each student on the first day of camp that may be used for this purpose.
- Hand sanitizer will be used frequently, including (but not limited to) before and after snacks/meals, and before and after touching shared gear. We will utilize environmentally-friendly hand soap before snacks and meals, and will utilize drinking-quality water carried by an instructor in a dromedary for this purpose.
- During snack and meal breaks on the trail/at the crags, we will space students out at a minimum of 6 feet when possible.
- All food preparation for every course will be prepared in a certified kitchen while food handlers are using gloves and cloth face coverings.
- All food prepared during overnight trips will be prepared and served by instructors who will both wear protective gloves and face coverings.
- All dishes will be cleaned with drinking-quality water and sprayed with a food and environment safe disinfectant after each use.
- For overnight courses, students will sleep in one-person tents on overnight trips. Each tent will be spaced apart at 6 feet as is possible.
- For each course, AGO will not provide transportation. Students and their families/sponsoring youth organizations must arrange for appropriate transportation to and from day camps and to trailheads for overnight/multi-night courses.
- Ropes, etc.).
- Before each use of shared equipment, students will be required to use provided hand sanitizer or soap and water.

What is included in our waiver form

**COVID-19 AGREEMENT**

I acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that the CDC and many other public health authorities still recommend practicing social distancing. I further acknowledge that Arcadia Guided Outdoor Education (AGO) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19. I further acknowledge that AGO can not guarantee that I will not become infected with the Coronavirus/Covid-19. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, AGO staff, and other AGO clients and their families. I voluntarily seek services provided by AGO and acknowledge that I am increasing my risk to exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19. I acknowledge that I must comply with all set procedures to reduce the spread while attending.

I attest that:
• I am not experiencing any symptom of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
• I have not traveled internationally within the last 14 days.
• I have not traveled to a highly impacted area within the United States of America in the last 14 days.
• I do not believe I have been exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.
• I have not been diagnosed with Coronavirus/Covid-19 and not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities.
• I am following all CDC recommended guidelines as much as possible and limiting my exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.