

Open Oregon Camps 2021

An advocacy Campaign for Parents and Kids

PARENT ACTION

OPTION ONE:

Postal Mail:
Governor Kate Brown
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301
cc.
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OPTION TWO:

Register Your Opinion Electronically:

1. Input all required fields
2. "TOPIC" please select "EDUCATION"
(please don't use the "COVID 19" topic)
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<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Pages/share-your-opinion.aspx>

Dear Governor Brown:

Introduce yourself:

Insert Your Own Words- Here is an Example: I am a human resources manager and parent of two school-age children living in Central Oregon. I have a ten year-old daughter, Sophie, and a twelve year-old son, Matthew. My children have attended **CAMP NAME** for #00 summers. (If Oregon Camp Alumni, please insert a few words here.)

Why you want/support camps opening:

Insert Your Own Words- Here is an Example: I urge you to allow overnight camps to operate in Oregon this summer. I believe camps can operate safely, and now, more than ever, my kids need camp. Overnight camp is part of returning to normal life and a bridge to prepare our children to go back to school in the fall. **Share about your child(ren)'s experience during the pandemic and why camp is important and impactful to their social and emotional health, skill development, and character building.**

We know more than we did a year ago about the transmission of COVID and how to prevent it. Camps around the country that did open last summer have reported great success in preventing the spread of COVID, indicating there are guidelines that work. Testing is readily available, and camp staff will be vaccinated. Combining these factors, and the largely outdoor nature of summer camps, and their ability to modify activities and capacity, I am confident that Oregon's camps can reduce and mitigate COVID risk. New York, Virginia and other states have begun announcing their intentions to open overnight camps this summer. I encourage you to have Oregon join them.

Closing:

Insert Your Own Words- Here is an Example: Thank you for considering my worthwhile request. I trust the leadership at **CAMP NAME**. I know they will be diligent in keeping my child(ren) safe for the summer as we begin to return to a more normal life in Oregon. Overnight camp plays a crucial role in building a love of the outdoors, independence, and leadership for Oregon youth and teens. Let's work together to keep kids safe and allow them to experience the beauty and natural wonder that makes Oregon, well, Oregon.