



NATURE POSTINGS NEW NORMAL GUIDE

Procedures and Regulations for Facility Programs

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INTRODUCTION

As a community of scientists and adventurers, Nature Postings believes that exploration, education and discovery is an imperative process in growth and development for all ages. We strive to provide the best science and nature programs to families all across South Florida. Due to the spread of COVID-19 in our community, we have faced many challenges and obstacles that have prevented our accessibility to public programming. With South Florida on its way to recovery, we will be implementing a new approach to programs within our facility.

Guided by facts about the disease provided by medical and industry experts, the protocols included in this document will outline the precautions and procedures that Nature Postings will be taking to ensure safety of all individuals in Nature Postings facility, as well as the regulations that all participants, visitors, and volunteers must follow in order to participate in any program within the Nature Postings facility. We hope that with this Nature Postings New Normal, we will be able to provide our community with the quality programs they deserve!

NATURE POSTINGS PRECAUTIONS AND PROCEDURES

The following precautions have been taken to ensure all programs within the Nature Postings facility will be performed in a safe manner, ensuring safety, social distancing and cleanliness for all program participants.

Facility Preparation

- Nature Postings facility has gone through renovation to expand laboratory and discovery room square footage.
- Renovation also includes the addition of an extra restroom facility.
- Installation of hand sanitizers dispensers visible at all points of entry.
- Installation of Health & Safety signage/visual aids with messaging for customers and staff.

Cleaning, Disinfection and Ventilation

- Frequently touched surfaces (For example, tables, chairs, sinks, water dispensers, door knobs) within facility will be cleaned and disinfected every two hours.
- Shared objects (For example, games, supplies and tools) will be cleaned between uses.
- Deep cleaning and disinfection of facility will be performed daily following the safe and correct application of disinfectants from the CDC guidelines.
- Air purifiers will be installed in every classroom.
- Air ventilation will be used when appropriate to circulate outdoor air.
- All outdoor equipment will be disinfected after each use.

Social Distancing

- Student and staff grouping will be static, ensuring that the same group of children stay with the same staff.
- Spacing between tables/desks to create social distancing.
- Desks/Tables facing the same direction, with two to three participants per table, spaced apart on the same side of the table.
- Maximum occupancy of indoor facility will not exceed 25 people at any time.
- There will be no nonessential visitors allowed in the facility at any time. The only individuals in the facility will be staff, volunteers, and participants.
- **Drop-off and Pick-up limits will be strictly enforced. See “Program Participant Regulations” for more details.**
- All recreational watercrafts (Kayaks and Paddle Boards) will be limited to two individuals with appropriate spacing between.

- All outdoor travel to and from field trip sites will be done on bikes, keeping distance, ensuring groups are 10 or less.
- There will be no contact with any other groups or individuals during outdoor activities.
- Automobiles will be accessible when bikes fail to operate. When necessary, participants seated in automobiles will be spaced appropriately.

Food, Sharing & Equipment

- No food will be provided during activities. Snacks (when program allows it) will be pre-packaged and sealed.
- There will be no sharing of any food or drinks.
- Nature Postings will provide water dispensers with purified water and individual gallons to avoid usage of water fountains.
- All equipment will be individually labelled and designated to one participant.
- All items brought from home will be stored in individually labelled cubbies.
- Assigned seating will be implemented for all individuals within the Nature Postings facility.
- All equipment being shared by multiple participants will be disinfected between uses.
- All non-disposable attire (lab coats, safety glasses, aprons, etc.) will be individually assigned and labelled, and disinfected daily.
- Outdoor equipment that are provided (kayaks, paddles, paddle boards, PFDs, etc.) will be labelled and assigned to one participant for the duration of the program.

Animal Handling & Procedures

- All animals will be locked in enclosures, which will only be accessible by trained staff.
- Gloves will be mandatory for all animal encounters.
- Participants must disinfect their hands after each animal encountered.
- Animals will be properly cleaned before and after encounter.
- Animals will be properly cleaned between individual participant encounters.
- Animals will be bathed weekly.
- All animals have individual records with recorded information daily
- All animal diets and food are prepared by trained staff wearing proper safety attire during food preparation.
- All animals receive necessary supplements to remain healthy.

- All animals have updated vet records and necessary vaccines for those required.
- Animal habitats are cleaned on a regular basis.

Staff Procedures

- All staff will be self-assessed daily before arriving to Nature Postings facility for any symptoms or signs of COVID-19. Staff members with a temperature above 99°F will not be allowed on Nature Postings premises.
- Staff will sign a written agreement daily that confirms that they have shown no symptoms of COVID-19.
- Staff will be required to wear face coverings, lab coat, safety glasses and gloves at all times when inside the Nature Postings facility.
- Staff will sanitize their hands every time they enter the Nature Postings facility.
- Staff will be trained to clean and disinfect all aspects of the facility, including surfaces, equipment, tools, animals and outdoor gear.
- Staff will be trained in all safety actions disclosed in this document.
- Staff will be trained to deal with any possible cases or exposure to COVID-19.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT REGULATIONS

The following regulations must be followed by all program participants, volunteers and visitors to the Nature Postings facility. These regulations are put in place to ensure the safety of all Nature Postings participants, staff, volunteers and visitors, promoting cleanliness, distancing and safety. Any individual who does not conform to these regulations will be turned away and not allowed in the Nature Postings premises.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off Policies

- Nature Postings will require all participants to be dropped off at the back entrance of the facility.
- Program participants will be dropped off at the designated location. All other nonessential visitors must remain in the car.
- Trained staff and volunteers will be on site to assist with unloading any heavy equipment (example: bikes)
- Upon arrival and departure, the driver must lower their window to sign-in and sign-out the participating individual. The driver must be approved for pick-up by presenting a valid government-issues form of identification.
- All individuals inside the car, over the age of two, must wear face coverings.
- Upon arrival, the body temperature of the participant will be taken. Individuals with a temperature above 99°F will not be allowed on Nature Postings premises.
- Upon arrival, participants will be given a lab coat, safety glasses and gloves that must be worn all times inside the Nature Postings facility.

Indoor Safety Regulations

- Participants must bring their own face coverings. Face coverings will NOT be provided by Nature Postings.
- Face coverings, lab coats, gloves and safety glasses will be required in the Nature Postings indoor facility at all times.
- All participants and visitors must sanitize their hands upon entering the building.
- Participants must follow assigned seating regulations.
- Distancing regulations must be followed by all participants.
- Participants must only use their appropriately labelled equipment for all indoor activities.

Outdoor Safety Requirements

- Individuals will not be required to wear face coverings on bikes or watercrafts. However, face coverings must be available at all times.
- All individuals inside any automobile must wear face coverings.
- Participants must only use their appropriately labelled equipment for all outdoor activities.

Food and Beverages

- Participants must bring their own lunch at all day camps.
- Sharing food or beverages will not be allowed.
- Participants must bring their own refillable water bottle.
- Snacks provided (in all day programs) to participants will follow procedures in “Food, Sharing & Equipment” section. However, participants may bring their own snacks.
- Water bottles may only be refilled at regulated water dispensers, which will be monitored by staff.