**Special Corona Virus Protocols**

Using information gleaned from the [MD Dept. of Health and Hygiene Youth Camp Guidelines](https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OEHFP/CHS/Shared%20Documents/Youth%20Camps/Outdoor%20Youth%20Programs%20FAQ%2006.12.2020%20final.pdf), EcoTech Summer Camp will be making the following changes to the normal day.

1. All transportation will be the responsibility of parents/guardians to take their child to the location of the program on any given day.  This avoids the issue of maintaining a 6ft. buffer in public transportation.
2. We will allow 26 students to register for each week, however there will be two distinct groups of 13, each chaperoned by a teacher and a counselor. Because we will be in 2 separate groups at the same park, and in communication with each other, support can be offered while social distancing is maintained.
3. Hand-washing will always be available through a hand-washing station, and when appropriate, masks will be worn (when we will be in a group of ten or less). Sometimes, however, students will be socially distanced in the outdoors (i.e. while they are wading at the beach) where masks are not necessary.
4. Students’ temperatures will be taken every day upon arrival and a screening for symptoms will be assessed and recorded according to CDC guidelines. Any student not able to pass the screening requirements will be sent home with the parent and quarantine will be recommended.
5. Since chairs, blankets, and picnics are prohibited, students will sit on their own beach towel for lunch which they will bring from home.
6. Boating is allowed by the State, and since each “vessel” we use at camp is for individuals (tubes and paddle-boards), we would just have to be careful that they only use the one they were given. We will affix a nametag to each tube, board or paddle. If they must be shared, when we switch activities, staff will sanitize them with disinfectant wipes before the next participant uses it.
7. Snorkeling equipment will be brought from home and labeled with the participant’s name. There will be an option to purchase a set from camp, as we will have new sets available for purchase.