



## Emergency Communication Plan (Updated January, 2021)

In the event of severe weather conditions or other full camp emergency at Camp Akita or in surrounding areas, Camp Akita will take the following steps to keep you informed of the safety of your camper.

**Step 1:** You will receive an email with detailed information on the current conditions at Camp Akita. In this email, we will outline the steps we are taking to ensure the safety of your camper, the steps we are taking to continue the camp session, or the plan to get your camper back to Columbus in a safe manner.

With our current facilities we can operate with no electrical power for 24 hours with no loss of facilities. In the event of a major power outage, you should expect to pick up your camper from the North Campus of First Community Church, where you dropped your camper off at check-in, within 24 hours of a power outage.

We will use our camp registration email system to send this email to every parent/guardian email address you provided during registration. We will ask you to reply to our email so that we can verify receipt.

If you have opted-in to the camp registration texting system, you will also receive a text message, as well.

**Step 2:** Call (614) 488-0681 ext 101 and listen to the recorded message. Please note: We will return phone calls as soon as possible, unless there is specific information regarding your camper, in which case you will be notified immediately.

**Step 3:** If applicable, we will update our Facebook page and Camp blog with relevant information.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/campakita](http://www.facebook.com/campakita)

Blog: <https://campakita.campmanagement.com/campers>

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**Please note:** Our main priority in the event of any emergency at Camp Akita is the safety of our campers and staff. With that in mind, please understand we may not be able to return individual phone calls immediately. Rest assured, you will be notified immediately if there is a concern with your camper.

Additionally, we have well established safety procedures at Camp Akita. Our camp staff is trained on these procedures and will not hesitate to activate any safety plan necessary to ensure a safe environment for our campers.

If you have any questions, please contact Bobbi Mueller, Director of Camp Akita Operations at (614) 488-0681 ext 101 or email at [Bobbi@CampAkita.org](mailto:Bobbi@CampAkita.org). You may also contact Paul Anderson, Executive Director of First Community at (614) 488-0681 ext 287 or email at [panderson@FCchurch.com](mailto:panderson@FCchurch.com).



### **At Camp Akita**

All sites with potential for serious injury are equipped with a two-way radio for communication within Camp Akita property. This includes, but is not limited to the Alpine Tower, Lake, and group games. All leadership staff, maintenance staff, medical staff, and the kitchen director also carry radios at all times.

In May 2021, each cabin was also equipped with a wireless intercom call-box that will immediately connect that cabin to one of several base stations. A Director or Leadership Staff member will respond to calls.

In case of emergency, the staff member present at the emergency would call the medical staff on the radio. All other radios would hear the conversation. The medical professional would go immediately to the incident site. A staff member would call 911 if applicable. Emergency radio communication would then switch to our emergency channel to communicate further needs.

Our only off-site trips occur in the Backcountry program. We take these campers on a canoe trip down the Hocking River and a hike at Old Man's Cave State Park. Cell phones are used to communicate on these trips and any additional off-site trips that may occur. Staff is informed to call 911 when applicable in case of an off-site emergency and to call the staff office. Additionally, camp staff carry two-way radios to be able to communicate with each other.

### **Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Contact**

In case of medical emergencies involving a camper, the camp medical staff or a Camp Director will communicate directly with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the camper. This expectation is documented for our health workers in their guidelines and procedures.

In case of camp-wide emergencies (such as a tornado, wind storm, power outage or other natural disaster), parent communication will be handled by our Columbus offices. Please refer to the emergency communication plan above.

In summary, we will have a recorded message at (614) 488-0681 ext 101, an email and text (if opted-in) will be sent to all parent(s)/guardian(s) utilizing our camp registration system, and other pertinent information will be posted on our Facebook page and camp blog, as applicable.

### **Media Contact**

In the event that there is a media request at Camp Akita, these will all be directed to Bobbi Mueller, Director of Camp Akita Operations. Bobbi will contact the appropriate staff of First Community Church before any comments are provided publicly.

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