



Emergency Communication Plan (Updated April 2022)

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.

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CAMP AKITA

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info@campakita.org
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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. We will include 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 provided during registration. We will ask for a reply to the email so that we can verify receipt by at least one parent/guardian for each camper.

If you have opted-in to the camp registration texting system, you will also receive a text message. Parent/guardians may opt-in to receive text message notifications by clicking on **My Account** on the [Parent Dashboard](#). Email registration@campakita.org for assistance.

Step 2: A recorded message with updates will be left at (614) 488-0681 ext 113. *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.

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 an urgent 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 the Director of Camp Akita Operations in the Columbus offices at (614) 488-0681 ext 101 or email at registration@CampAkita.org.



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At Camp Akita

All leadership staff, maintenance staff, and medical staff carry two-way radios at all times. A staff member with a radio is present at all activity sites including, but not limited to, the Alpine Tower, Lake, on hikes, and in group game areas. All staff, including Counselors, are trained in emergency medical procedures, emergency weather protocols, CPR, and basic first aid.

In case of emergency, the staff member present at the emergency would call the medical staff on the radio. All other radios carried by leadership staff would also hear the conversation. The medical professional will report directly to the incident site. A staff member will call 911 if necessary. Emergency radio communication will then switch to the emergency channel to communicate further needs.

The only activities that take place off Camp Akita grounds occur in the Backcountry program. Backcountry participants might take a canoe trip down the Hocking River and/or a hike at Hocking Hills State Park. Camp Directors are aware of the Backcountry itinerary in advance as well as the exact locations of any off-site trips. Backcountry staff use cell phones to communicate to staff at main camp about exact departure and return times as well as any changes to the itinerary. In case of an off-site emergency, Backcountry staff are trained to call 911 and then to call Directors at main camp. Additionally, Backcountry staff carry two-way radios to communicate with each other during off-site trips.

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 113 and an email and text (if opted-in) will be sent to all parent/guardian(s) utilizing our camp registration system.

Media Contact

If there are any media requests for Camp Akita during the summer months, these will be initially directed to the Director of Camp Akita Operations in Columbus. The Director will contact the appropriate staff of Camp Akita and First Community Church. Dr. Glen Miles, Senior Minister of First Community Church, will be informed as well. A communications plan will be determined internally before any comments are provided publicly.