Lair Reservation FAQs for 2021

How will priority work in 2021?
Priority for tent assignments for 2021 will be given to those who have camped with us the longest and the most consecutive summers in the same session, provided the booking request is made by February 28. If you’re a newer camper or haven’t camped with us recently, we suggest that in addition to your top choices of camping sessions, you consider camping in one of our less impacted sessions, including Weeks 2, 10, and 11. If we can’t get you a tent in one of the sessions you selected or with families in your group, you will automatically be placed on a waitlist.

Are deposits refundable if I don’t get a tent?
Yes, same as always. If you don’t get a tent, you will automatically be put on the waitlist. If you wish to no longer be on the waitlist, email us this request and we will refund you 100% of your deposit.

What if I don’t feel comfortable camping in 2021 — will I get my tent back in 2022?
If you choose not to camp with us this summer, it will not impact your reservation priority for 2022.

What if someone in my family gets Covid or another illness prior to the start of our camping session?
Please stay home if you could possibly have any illness or think you’ve been exposed. Unfortunately, the Lair will not be able to issue a refund, which is why we highly recommend trip insurance. Details on trip insurance can be found in this packet and on our website.

Will there be a tent raffle this year?
Yes, you can purchase raffle tickets ($25/each) when you book online for a chance to win a free stay for your immediate family (one tent, up to $3,500 value). Please note that winning this raffle will not guarantee you a tent. This prize is non-transferrable and cannot be applied to more than one tent.

Do I need a Cal Alumni Association membership this year?
A CAA membership is required for camping in our 6-night sessions. No membership is needed for weekend or adult sessions. Camping at the Lair is a member benefit. To become a member or renew your membership, just email us with your approval to charge your credit card on your Lair account for the $75 annual membership fee or $1,000 for lifetime membership. Membership has other benefits – learn more at alumni.berkeley.edu/membership

For more information about 2021 reservations, please visit our website at lairofthebear.org or email us at lair@alumni.berkeley.edu
Lair Covid Policy and Protocols FAQs as of January 2021

These FAQs are to give campers a sense of policies and protocols we're developing. We anticipate as CDC and local guidelines change, we will adjust accordingly. Specific policies and procedures will be shared as we get closer to the start of camp.

Will I need to wear a face mask in camp?
Yes, you will need to properly wear a mask whenever indoors in public spaces like bathrooms, lodges, etc. It is recommended that you wear a mask outdoors when within 6 feet of other campers as well.

What is your vaccination and testing requirement?
This policy is not set yet, though we anticipate recommending all campers get vaccinated if available. And if you are unable to get vaccinated, campers must get tested within 72 hours of arrival and must submit negative test results to the Lair office prior to arrival at camp. Full details will be shared closer to the start of camp.

Can I leave and return to camp?
We prefer that campers remain in camp, yet we will be sharing recommended off site locations and activities that would minimize risk, such as hiking at area trailheads.

Can I stay off site and come and visit the Lair?
Only registered campers who are on the roster will be permitted in camp this summer. In other words, we are not offering daily guest passes this summer. This policy is to ensure a lower capacity for social distancing. For example, if you wish to stay at Pinecrest Chalet, and your family has a booked tent, you must be added as a camper to their tent in order to be registered and appear on the roster.

How will meals be served?
Meals will be served buffet-style by our staff to eat in expanded outdoor dining areas in each camp.

What are the protocols for staffers and how will they be kept safe?
Staffers will be required to test negative before arriving at camp, fill out daily symptom screenings, and will be tested frequently throughout the summer. They will also be subject to our enhanced safety policies and protocols, with additional guidelines for staying safe on days off.

What programs will be changing this summer?
Programs that don't allow for proper social distancing, such as age group activities and some sports, will be impacted this summer. If guidelines and conditions change, we will adjust accordingly. Programs being offered this summer include art, guided hikes, guest speakers, and evening entertainment. Campers can use the pool, sports courts, lodges, and other general areas in camp, subject to local health guidelines.

What can campers do to help?
Keeping our community safe works best when all of us do our part. We appreciate your understanding and acceptance of these safety protocols for 2021, and we look forward to a safe, fun, and memorable summer together.