



Antiochian Village

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Antiochian Village Policy on Peanut/Nut Allergies

The Antiochian Village's first priority is the safety and well-being of all its participants. Because of the amount of care packages sent to camp and food that is brought to camp in camper's luggage, and the limited menu that can be served during fasting seasons to large groups of young people, the Antiochian Village can not guarantee a completely peanut/nut free environment. Therefore, the Antiochian Village has developed the following policy to accommodate those that come to the Antiochian Village with a severe peanut/nut allergy.

1. All participants (staff and campers) will be educated on the severity of the allergy, and the necessity to wash hands, handling of care packages, and clean up after any contact with peanut/nut products.
2. For meals that are served that contain peanut/nut products, camper(s) with the allergy will sit at the staff table where no peanut/nut products will be served. All other campers and staff who do eat peanut/nut products will be required to wash their hands with wet-naps before they get up from their table. Following the meal, all tables and chairs will be wiped down with a disinfectant.
3. No peanut/nut products will be served in the Gimme Shop during sessions when a participant with a peanut/nut allergy is at camp. Any products that contain nuts will be removed from camp property and stored at the Conference Center. Those items that were made on machines or at factories with peanuts/nut will be noted and not offered to individuals with peanut/nut allergies.
4. When a camper's group is on the Challenge Course or on the Overnight, no peanut/nut products or products that could have peanut oils will be served to anyone in that group. However, participants will eat at the same outdoor location as other groups that participate in these activities. Other group's that participate in these activities (on different days) will potentially have peanut products for their meals. All participants in all groups will use hand wipes following the meal.
5. The 2-day Hike off-camp for the oldest male and female cabins will potentially have peanut products. Because of the limited menu that is available while backpacking, peanuts and associated products will be served on the Hike. An alternative trail mix will be available for those with peanut/nut allergies.
6. An epi-pen will be available in the Camp Dining Hall, on all off-camp programs, and with the camper at all times. Staff will be instructed on epi-pen usage, and emergency first aid protocol.

The Antiochian Village is committed to working with the parents' of the camper with the allergy to accommodate the camper's needs as best as possible. While we are unable to change the menu for the entire camp, we will provide a peanut/nut-free meal for the camper.

The Camp Director (or his designee) and the Camp Nurse will work with the camper's family prior to camp to best accommodate the camper's individual need.