

Riverfest 2022 FAQs

What is different about us being at Mount Hermon instead of Mission Springs?

- Mount Hermon is larger so we do not have the conference center to ourselves. We will share use of large spaces like the dining hall, field, and gymnasium with another group.
- Things are more spread out at Mount Hermon than at Mission Springs.
- The housing options at Mount Hermon are generally nicer than Mission Springs with many of the accommodations having a deck (for lodge style housing) or common areas with a sofa or kitchen area (for cabin style housing).
- The worship center seating is in long wooden pews, so you may want to bring a cushion for large gatherings.

What COVID precautions will be in place?

- Assuming COVID is the same as it is now:
 - Masks will be optional in all indoor gatherings (same as our current Sunday morning protocols).
 - All attendees will need to take a rapid test before participating in Riverfest.
 - There are outdoor options for dining (more on that below).
 - There will be outdoor seating options for the adult/worship gatherings.
 - We are still trying to determine the plan for children's programming since we are at a new location. It will likely be primarily indoors with some outside activity component. If a snack is served, it may be served indoors.
- We will continue to monitor COVID case rates and public health guidance, so it is possible there will be an update on protocols for participants as we get closer.

How do meals work if there is another group there as well? Can I eat outside if I'm not comfortable eating in the dining hall?

- Yes! There are seven tables directly outside the dining hall, but there are also to-go containers available for you to take your meal elsewhere on the grounds. There are lots of benches in commons area and large picnic table area at The Meadow.
- Our meal times will be staggered from the other group by half an hour, with designated tables for each group.

Is there any variation in the cancellation policy because of COVID?

- There is a lot of administrative work related to arranging housing, service roles during Riverfest, children's and youth programming, etc. which is complicated by cancellations. This is why the cancellation policy only allows for a 50% refund 7/1/22 - 8/12/22 and no refund after 8/12/22. We recognize that COVID creates a certain level of unpredictability in our world, and may offer a more lenient refund policy if COVID cases are increasing through the summer, but remain hopeful for as normal a Riverfest as possible.
- If you are unable to attend Riverfest because of a COVID positive test at the time of the retreat (for you or a minor in your household), we will issue a full refund minus 5% transaction fee cost.