

Fire Safety & Evacuation Procedures

Navigating wildfire, alongside COVID, safety is a reality of managing programs in California in these times. The Mosaic Project works closely with the Camp MayMac staff to ensure the safest site possible for our students. Either our Executive Director or our Chief Operating Officer, and usually both, are on site 24 hours a day during the program and have direct access to communication with Camp MayMac and Mosaic staff, as well as with your child's teachers, all night long.

Fire Prevention Measures

- No smoking is permitted on the site. All staff and students must sign a contract agreeing to this prior to arriving at the site. The rule is then reinforced upon arrival.
- Staff and students are not permitted to bring anything flammable onto the site. A contract agreeing to this prior to arrival is signed and then reinforced once on site.
- At least a 1 to 7 staff-to-student ratio is maintained to provide 24/7 supervision.
- Vegetation and defensible space are maintained according to Santa Cruz County regulations and the State of California Building and Fire Codes.
- All staff are familiar with fire exits, extinguishers, and the location of emergency supplies.
- Camp Modifications: If the fire danger is listed as "extreme" or "very high," as declared by the Santa Cruz County Fire Department, the following will occur:
 - No open fires of any type, including barbeques.
 - No use of gasoline-powered equipment (e.g., mowers, weed eaters, etc.)
 - All staff and the groups will be immediately notified of restricted activities.

Emergency Drills

- All staff and students participate in a practice emergency drill within 24 hours of the beginning of each program session.
- There is an emergency siren that can be heard throughout the camp. It is used to signal a lineup on the basketball court, right next to the parking lot and entrance to the site.
- Students and staff line according to their cabin groups. Cabin staff confirm full attendance and then wait for further instruction.

Air Quality & Student Activities

- We monitor the Air Quality Index (AQI) regularly. If AQI is between 100 and 150, we check in with students with asthma or other respiratory issues. We modify programming for those students to limit physical exertion as needed.
- If AQI is between 150 and 200, we avoid strenuous activities altogether.
- If AQI is 200 or above, we move the activities indoors.
- We consider evacuation if AQI is sustained at 200 or more for three or more days.

In Case Evacuation is Necessary

- Camp MayMac staff and Mosaic directors communicate directly and regularly with the Zayante Fire Department, located just two minutes down the road. The Department will provide quick, immediate emergency assistance in the unlikely event it is necessary.
- The Zayante Fire Department will requisition school buses and coordinate evacuation.

What to do from Home

- Please do **NOT** send individual cars to pick up students. This could cause traffic and disrupt evacuation procedures. If further transportation is needed beyond that arranged by the Zayante Fire Department, your school will make those arrangements.
- There is reliable cell service throughout Camp MayMac. If there is a prolonged period of unhealthy air or the fire becomes a threat to the camp, your child's teacher or school officials will send an email or text or give you a call and will also send updates.