

Forestry Institute for Teachers, Summer 2021

The Forestry Institute for Teachers (FIT) is proposing an in-person field training on July 4th - 10th. FIT is a week-long program offering continuing education for credentialed K-12 educators (3 UC units). The event will be located at Camp McCumber, 35440 Deer Flat Road, Shingletown, CA 96088. The isolated location of the Camp McCumber facility enables operation of this training with limited outside contact. The current eligibility of educators for vaccination support the feasibility of conducting an in person camp. This proposal presents our plans and protocols for 21 participants, 4 instructors, and 2 facilities staff participate during the summer of 2021. This plan may be modified if additional guidance becomes available from the state that is applicable to camps or similar activities.

The program will follow a modified Learning Pod model to account for CDC recommendations, participant vaccination rate, and local county guidance. Participants will be assigned into three bubbles based on their teaching level (K-3, 4-6, and 7-12). One Education Instructor will be assigned to each bubble (learning pod) and cross-grade interactions will be limited. **Lisa Bye** (K-3), **Dennis Mitchell** (4-6), **Brian Brown** (7-12).

Natural Resource Instructors **Ricky Satomi** and other subject experts will hold all sessions outdoors and follow social distancing rules of 6'. All Instructors have voluntarily confirmed to have received a full COVID-19 vaccination.

We have consulted with Shasta County Health and Human Services and they are supportive of camp this summer. Shasta County HHS has reviewed the various protocols and feel they comply with best guidance.

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General Camp Policy

1. Staff will take temperatures daily for all participants. Logs will document only that temperatures are below or above 100 degrees F (we will not record individual temperatures). Logs will be destroyed 15 days after conclusion of FIT.
2. All participants and staff will be required to wear a face covering when in a shared indoor space and outdoors if a distance of 6 feet cannot be maintained. FIT will provide face masks for those that do not have one.
3. Masks must be equivalent or better than to KF94 (N95, KN95). Double masking is also encouraged.
4. Participants may not leave camp for non-camp activities.
5. Each morning, Shasta County tier status will be assessed and participants activities will be modified as necessary to ensure group sizes align with local COVID risk ranking status.
6. Meals and instruction will take place outside or be limited to local indoor restrictions.
7. Participants should bring hand sanitizer and carry it on them at all times.
8. Hand sanitation will be provided in all buildings throughout the camp

Procedure for COVID-19 positive case

1. Participants contracting COVID-19 or with sustained symptoms will be isolated as soon as possible, sent home, and Shasta County public health notified.
2. If exposure to a COVID-19 positive case has occurred, contact tracing will be implemented, in cooperation with Shasta County Public Health. Participants who were in close contact with a positive COVID-19 person will need to quarantine for 10 days. Close contact is defined as within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more within the previous 24 hr period. Quarantine may begin at McCumber, but participants must continue quarantine at home after conclusion of FIT. A staff cabin will be set aside in case of need to quarantine.

Participant Eligibility

Participants are encouraged to apply with colleagues in same teaching staff pod. In addition to program criteria from previous years' selection process (i.e. credentialed, environmental educators, etc), preference will be given to participants in the same pod to limit exposure. Participants will be sent UC ANR COVID-19 Awareness and UC ANR COVID-19 Mitigation Standards for review.

Before Camp Begins

Participants are requested to either receive the COVID-19 vaccination or self-quarantine and get tested for COVID-19 prior to arrival.

If participants are not vaccinated (per Facility policy)	If participants are fully vaccinated (by July 4 th)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 14 Days before camp begins (June 20th) Participants will self-quarantine and monitor their health.2. Non-vaccinated participants must take a COVID test within 72 hours prior to travel to camp.3. Participants must stay home and avoid contact with others. They may not share meals, drinks, or utensils. Use a private bathroom if possible. Participants may not go to work or school during this 14-day period.4. Participants must not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares while quarantining.5. Participants may not gather with people outside their own household.6. Participants must wear masks and stay 6 feet from those outside their own household.7. Participants must travel on their own or with members of their own household to camp.8. Participants must take their temperature with a thermometer daily and (record all temperatures in a log book).9. Participants must monitor for cough or trouble breathing, or other COVID-19 symptoms and record observations in a log book.10. If participants require assistance getting a vaccine, please contact program planners.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. (Optional) Inform program managers in application form.2. All health Information will be managed as a confidential record and will be destroyed 15 days after the conclusion of the FIT program.

Arrival Protocol

1. On check-in, proof of negative COVID test or vaccination must be submitted for verification by program staff. All health data is confidential and will be destroyed 15 days after conclusion of FIT. Participants with any COVID-related symptoms will not be permitted to attend camp.
2. Temperature will also be measured. Logs will only reflect whether temperatures are above or below 100 degrees.
3. Self-quarantining participants must also submit log book for review. We will continue measurements every day at camp and will log them into the same personal book.
4. All personal health data (symptom logs, test results, and vaccine information) will be destroyed at the conclusion of FIT.

Room and Board

Camp McCumber Facilities include 14 bunkhouses. Outdoor camping and RV hook-ups are also available for use during the camp. This is a private camp and public use is not allowed while our program is in session. Housing will be assigned so that no more than two participants will stay in each room and shared rooms will only include members of the same learning pod.

Participants will be assigned to use of shower facilities using a shift system to limit the number of individuals at any time. Use of shared shower facilities will be scheduled to keep pods separate. Up to 6 additional portable bathrooms will be provided throughout the duration of the week to further reduce exposure risk.

Camp McCumber dining facilities may host 40 individuals at 25% occupancy (total 160). Food is purchased and brought up to camp by the cooks. Meals will be served outside buffet style. The buffet will be set out when Participants are not present, and cleared after they have left. (Alternatively) Cook staff will serve each participant to limit cross contamination of shared utensils. Participants will place their dishes into a washing tank that is picked up when they are no longer present. Prepackaged meals may be prepared if required for certain food items (i.e. salad bar).