

LIVE FROM THE PINES

AUGUST 2020 EDITION



BLUE OX

CAMPOUT IN THE PINES

COVID-19 PREPARATIONS





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We are looking forward to hosting a safe and enjoyable event, which we believe is possible with people spaced out properly in an outdoor environment. This is not a vacation from the reality we find ourselves in, that said with proper expectations, we can safely camp outdoors and enjoy live music under the sun and stars. Please read on regarding our plans to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 exposure at this campout which is limited to a capacity of 250 people.

As a result of this, things will be a bit different than our normal festival in not only scale but also in terms of operation. These changes are meant to not only keep each of us individually safe, but also to protect the community at whole. To do this we all have to be on the same page in terms of expectations to have a safe and enjoyable campout while incorporating live performances of the music we all love. We will need to enjoy the performances together while apart. Keeping distance between each of your household groups.

In addition to the bullet points laid out below we will encourage all attendees and employees to wear masks when social distancing is difficult, bring your own mask if you can, Blue Ox custom cloth masks will also be available on-site. Sanitization protocol will be followed with frequent cleaning of all high touch surfaces (portable toilets, water stations, counters, and railings). Stations providing hand sanitizer/hand washing materials will be available throughout the venue. We also ask that you arrive prepared for your weekend, shopping in your local community, so you do not need to make last minute trips around town. This will protect the local Eau Claire area from those traveling in from out of town. **To provide an additional level of protection from unnecessary interaction we will be allowing carry-ins throughout the venue so you can enjoy your own food and beverage throughout the weekend.**

PRE-ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN

INITIAL ARRIVAL – CHECK IN

- Blue Ox asks that all people arriving wear masks when entering the campgrounds to check in, employees who are working this area will also wear masks during their interactions with those arriving.

HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

- All visitors and employees will need to complete a health questionnaire and contact tracing form on their day of arrival.
- The health questionnaire will ask about symptoms and potential exposure events. Those that answer yes to symptoms will be offered refunds and will be refused entry.
- Contact tracing information will be collected including name, phone, e-mail, and address. This information will only be shared with outside parties if necessary, for contact tracing due to COVID-19 exposure.

REFUNDS

- All individuals that have symptoms arise between purchase and the event will be offered refunds, so they do not have financial incentive to attend if showing symptoms.

ADDITIONAL MESSAGING

- Guests and employees are encouraged (though not required) to take a COVID-19 test in the week before the event if they think there was a chance they were exposed to the virus (in communities where testing capacity is available in ample supply). We understand that results are just a snapshot in time, but it does not hurt. [Click here to find a local testing location.](#) Taking a test after the event is also good practice to protect your local community.



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ADDITIONAL MESSAGING continued...

- If symptoms arise during the event for anyone, they will be encouraged to immediately wear a mask and self-isolate. If it is possible to leave the event that would be the best for everyone.

ONSITE PROCEDURES AND GUEST EXPECTATIONS

CAMP AREA

- All campsites will be sold with social distancing in mind. Campsites will be spread around the music area so foot traffic in any one area will be spread out. Some sites will have clear sightlines to the stage so you will not have to leave your site to enjoy the show.
- The shower building will be CLOSED during this event.
- With social distancing in mind and due to their irresistible cuddliness, dogs will NOT be allowed, you will be denied entrance and we will be unable to refund your ticket/campsite purchase.
- We will have dumpsters on-site for garbage and recycling, please use these and clean up after yourself. We do not want to risk the safety of our staff to pick up your garbage. Please adopt a leave-no-trace mentality.

MUSIC AREA

- Socially distant circles will be placed in the festival bowl. While in this area you should adhere to these spaces and limit them to your household group. Space (6 feet) will be placed between these circles to allow individuals to travel in and out of the music area freely with distance.
- Masks should be worn when you are out of your social circle and moving throughout these areas of the festival.
- There will be open space behind these marked areas where you can spread out a bit more, this should allow everyone to enjoy a space that they feel comfortable in.

FOOD/BEVERAGE

- Food cart operators and bar staff are required to wear masks when staffing their areas.
- Taped off station areas will ensure distance between bar staff coworkers as well as customers.
- In areas where lines or queuing may occur, markings will be placed on the ground to provide 6' social distancing requirements.
- Sanitization protocol will reflect best practices provided by WEDC and Health Department publications.
- Online food and beverage ordering/order-by-text/call-in orders will be explored and implemented where and if possible.

We hope to show that enjoying live music is still possible in a safe way during these difficult times. As a result we ask for your cooperation so we can all be on the same page supporting live music and all of those that make it possible: artists, managers, sound and stage tech, lighting teams, photographers/videographers, and everyone else that gets work by being able to have events like this.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CONDUCT YOURSELF IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER YOU MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE WITHOUT REFUND. YOUR ACTIONS EFFECT OTHERS AND WE MUST TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE CONDUCTS THEMSELVES IN RESPECTFUL AND SAFE WAYS.

CAMPOUT IN THE PINES

LIMITED CAPACITY 250

WHISPERING PINES CAMPGROUND
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN



OPEN SPACE FOR THOSE WHO WANT
TO SPREAD OUT FURTHER



PHOTO: Marcella Winograd courtesy of Domino Park



SOCIAL DISTANCING CIRCLES - 8' DIAMETER CIRCLES PLACED 6' APART

CIRCLES ARE INTENDED FOR SINGLE HOUSEHOLD (OR CAMPING GROUP) USE
MASKS ARE TO BE WORN WHEN MOVING THROUGHOUT THIS AREA
THEY CAN BE REMOVED WHEN WITHIN YOUR CIRCLE