MONKEY BUSINESS CAMP'S HEAD LICE POLICY

Head lice are common among children and can happen to any family. While they can be frustrating to deal with, they do not spread disease and are not related to cleanliness or hygiene.

At Monkey Business Camp, we take steps to help reduce the spread of lice, including not sharing hats or hair accessories, keeping hats out of our costume bins, and encouraging children with longer hair to keep it tied back.

If you discover live head lice on your child, please text the MBC team so we can stay informed and help prevent further spread.

If lice are discovered at camp
We will contact you privately so you can arrange treatment at home. In most cases, your child can remain at camp for the rest of the day.

Before returning to camp

1) Begin an effective lice treatment. Use an age-appropriate, proven lice treatment, following the product instructions or guidance from your healthcare provider. Some treatments require a second application several days later.
2) Check and comb your child's hair: Use a fine-toothed metal lice comb to check for live lice and remove lice and nits, particularly near the scalp, behind the ears, and at the back of the neck. Continue checking and combing every 2–3 days for the next 2–3 weeks, as recommended by the CDC, unless your treatment instructions advise otherwise.
3) Check other household members-Examine household members and close contacts for head lice. Treat those with an active infestation, ideally at the same time, to help prevent reinfestation.
4) Take simple steps at home-Wash and dry bedding, clothing, and towels used during the two days before treatment using hot water and high heat. Vacuum areas where your child has rested. Extensive housecleaning and pesticide sprays are not necessary.
5) Confirm treatment with MBC-Before your child returns, please text the camp team to confirm that appropriate lice treatment has been started. Your child does not need to be completely nit-free to return to camp.

Preventing the spread at camp
We encourage families to:

- Keep longer hair tied back or covered with bandana when practical.
- Remind children to avoid head-to-head contact and sharing hats, brushes, or hair accessories.
- Continue checking their child's hair after treatment.
- Let us know if live lice are discovered again.

Professional lice-removal services can also be helpful for families who would like additional support, although they are not required.

For more information, see the California Department of Public Health's head lice guidance.
Questions? Contact office@monkeybusinesscamp.com. We thank you!