

November email to Camper Parents:

If you've been following the news lately, you've been seeing lots of stories related to the Chemours plant and the discharge of GenX into the Cape Fear River. We recognize that you may have questions concerning the safety of our water and lake at Camp Dixie due to our close proximity to Chemours.

Since we take very seriously the trust you place in us as you enroll your children in our camp each summer, we wanted you to hear from us concerning the statement we released today. The bottom line is this: according to the state and county agencies conducting the tests, our water is safe to drink and we can safely enjoy our lake in the same ways we always have.

Camp Dixie has operated for 50 years with the purpose of providing our campers and guests with the very best week or weekend experience of their life. We love kids of "all ages" and exist to serve them.

Creating a healthy, safe environment for our campers and guests is of utmost importance to us. For that reason, we monitor anything that could impact them while they are here.

For several months now, we have been monitoring the information concerning the GenX discharge, a PFAS produced by Chemours at the nearby DuPont facility. Camp Dixie's water is supplied by Bladen County Public Works and according to Kip McClary, Bladen County's general services manager, the well that supplies our water at Camp Dixie was tested at 11 parts per trillion. That is less than 10 percent of the state's provisional health goal of 140 parts per trillion for public drinking water safety. Here is a link to the article where the water test results were posted. <http://www.fayobserver.com/news/20171003/genx-low-levels-found-in-2-public-wells-in-bladen-county>

Because many of our campers and guests enjoy recreational activities in the lake on our property, we sought further information as to the water quality of our lake. We requested that our lake water be tested by the NC Department of Environmental Quality. The test results for our lake came back this week at 620 parts per trillion. There is no established threshold for PFAS in lakes and swimming areas. Since minimal PFAS exposure occurs during swimming, it is safe for our guests to continue to enjoy recreational activities in and around our lake.

For more information concerning exposure to PFAS - (*link to info sheet on our website*)

Our staff continues to serve guest groups each weekend and register campers for summer camp 2018. We remain committed to the health and safety of every camper or guest who sets foot on our property and to that end we will continue to monitor this situation in the coming months.

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch (OEEB) was asked to review the results to determine if there may be an increased risk for adverse health effects from exposure to levels of GenX in the lake. An in-depth statement containing their findings can be found on our website. Based on current knowledge, OEEB concludes that exposure to GenX at levels measured in October 2017 while recreating at the lake at Camp Dixie is not expected to harm people's health.

If additional information becomes available, we will let you know.