



“We're outdoors! There will be bees.
Let's work together to lessen dangers to campers and staff!”

HKC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Install and monitor yellow jacket traps throughout spring and summer
- Conduct proactive search and spray program. Check shelters, playgrounds, fields and bathhouses regularly for Yellow Jacket/Bee activity.
- Install tops to select garbage cans located in the most problematic areas.
- Line garbage cans with plastic liners, tie-off liners as soon as possible, consolidate garbage in multiple-can areas, and schedule garbage pick-ups as expeditiously as possible with a priority being lunchtime.
- Hose out garbage cans with detergent as needed.
- Maintenance staff and site directors will remain vigilant and responsive to reports of yellow jacket/bee activity.

CAMP RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Do not leave any food, fruit, or juice uncovered or lying around in and around camper areas.
- Clean up food and wash down spills as quickly as possible from tables or shelter floors.
- Make sure all garbage is placed in garbage cans – especially food and food containers.
- Keep areas around the garbage cans clean
- Monitor garbage cans. Tie up full bags to avoid over-filling and run-off. Ensure covers are on cans that have them.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YELLOW JACKETS

Yellow jackets get their name from their yellow and black bodies.

Behavior, Diet & Habits: Yellow jackets are pollinators and may also be considered beneficial because they eat beetle grubs, flies and other harmful pests. However, they are also known scavengers who eat meat, fish and sugary substances, making them a nuisance near trash receptacles and picnics. Many yellow jackets are ground-nesters. Their colonies can be found under porches or steps, in sidewalk cracks, around railroad ties or at the base of trees.

Yellow Jacket Stings: Known to be aggressive defenders of their colonies, yellow jackets are otherwise not quick to sting. The sting of a yellow jacket is painful, and each insect is capable of delivering multiple stings. **Yellow jacket stings may induce severe allergic reactions in some individuals that would require medical attention. Please double check your campers medical records and make note of those campers who have identified an allergic response.**