

Philipstown Recreation Department

SUMMER 2021 CAMP GUIDELINES

Our goal this summer is to create the most fun experience we possibly can. With that in mind, the health and safety of our program staff and participants is our number one priority.

The following is our action plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please know that things are changing on a daily basis and if it is necessary for us to update our safety plan, we will get that information out to you as quickly as possible.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

HANDWASHING HYGIENE

Campers and staff are strongly encouraged to wash hands frequently; especially before/after they may have shared items (makers, balls, etc.), eat, sneezed, coughed, were in close proximity with other groups, etc.

Program space will be cleaned and sanitized multiple times a day.

1. Daily, prior to the program starting, maintenance staff will thoroughly clean and sanitize all tables and chairs in the program space.
2. During the program, staff will periodically wipe down any high touch services with cleaning wipes.
3. After the program, staff will wipe down all tables, chairs and high touch surfaces with cleaning supplies.

HEALTH

We are asking that you self-screen your child for 5-7 days prior to camp. Observe your child and check for any signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Parents/guardians should complete the health assessment each morning prior to attending camp. Please answer the following questions:

1. Has your child:
 - a. Tested positive or come in contact with an individual who has tested positive in the past 10 days.
 - b. Traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot outside of New York State in the past 10 days.
 - c. Experienced a NEW onset of any one for the following symptoms:
 - i. Fever above 100 degrees fahrenheit
 - ii. Cough
 - iii. Respiratory Distress

- iv. New loss of taste or smell
- d. Experienced any new onset of TWO OR MORE of the following symptoms in the past 10 days:
 - i. Fatigue
 - ii. Muscle or body aches
 - iii. Chills
 - iv. Headache
 - v. Sore Throat
 - vi. Congestion or runny nose
 - vii. Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- 2. If your child experiences any of the symptoms explained in the category above, please follow up with a doctor prior to returning to camp.
- 3. Upon arrival at camp, you will be asked if you have completed the health assessment and your answer will be recorded in our records.

All campers and staff must consent to having their temperature taken by a non-invasive scanner each morning upon arrival. If a reading of 100 or greater is present, the individual must go home and can not attend camp until they have been 24 hours fever free without any additional signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

If a staff or camper becomes ill while at camp, they will be isolated with our Health Director (or their designee) until they can be picked up.

Please arrange to have someone on standby to pick your child up within 45 mins if they have a fever or show any signs of COVID-19. Failure to ensure timely pickup may result in dismissal from the program.

Any participant who has had a fever is unable to attend the program until 24 hours have passed **after** the fever is gone without the aid of fever reducing medication.

We will follow all guidance from the Department of Health if a staff member or camper gets ill.

MASKS

Everyone (staff, campers, & parents) must wear a mask during the sign in & sign out process.

Campers will not be required to wear masks while participating in activities outside.

During activity transitions, bathroom breaks and while indoors, masks must be worn by all program staff and campers regardless of vaccination status. This includes when camp is moved

indoors due to inclement weather. Masks will also be required when groups interact during special events etc.

30-45 second mask breaks will be scheduled if deemed necessary. If weather does not permit participants to be outside, then the mask break takes place in a room with windows open and participants staying 6 ft from one another.

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

All drop-off and pick-up will take place outside unless there is severe weather. During the drop-off and pick-up, parents will drive past the parking lot and around the circle in the back of the building and pull up to the orange traffic cone to wait for a staff member. We ask that parents/guardians do not get out of their cars unless directed to do so. You will be greeted by a staff member who will assist your child, take their temperature and confirm that the medical screen was completed. Campers will then head to their assigned area on the field to meet the rest of their groups. Pick-up will occur in a similar style. Parents will pull around a circle, and a staff member will help your child get to your car.

If your child is struggling with this procedure, our camp director will work with you to develop a safe plan for drop off.

The above outlined procedure is for all campers grades 1-teens. Our preschool and kindergarten campers will be dropped off at the playground. Parents will be instructed to park in the parking lot, and escort their child to the playground fence. At this time, we are not allowing parents to enter the fence for either pick up or drop off. If your child is struggling with this procedure, our camp director will work with you to develop a safe plan for drop off.

Arrangements must be made in advance if your child is to go home with someone other than their parent or guardian. This request needs to be provided in writing, and the person picking up must show a photo ID if they are not known to the staff. If you arrive late or need to pick up your camper early, please call 845-424-4618 when you arrive and someone will escort your child out to your car.

Please note that if there is a need to change any of these procedures, we will communicate those changes with you.

PROGRAM SPACE

Whenever possible, summer camp activities will take place outdoors. We have installed numerous tents throughout the campus to provide shaded programming space for our campers.

All program space will be equipped with hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. Campers will be encouraged to wash their hands or use sanitizer on a regular basis.

Camp materials and centers will be sanitized on a regular basis throughout the day.

We are asking each camper to bring a towel with them each day for camp. Towels will be used for each camper to eat lunch on and create seating space for various activities.

BASIC CAMP INFORMATION

CAMPER SUPPLY LIST

We are asking campers to bring the following items each day:

- Towel to be used as program space
- Reusable water bottle
- Lunchbox (with ice pack - we will not be refrigerating lunch this year)
- Backpack
- 1 extra mask
- Bathing suit or change of clothes

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE

All campers should wear appropriate shoes for hiking and running around. Flip-flops and open-toed sandals are not recommended. Please send your child with a bathing suit and towel as water play may be part of the schedule at any time. Please label all items.

ELECTRONICS

It is strongly recommended that campers do not bring anything of value (i.e.: I-pods, cell phones, toys, electronic games, etc.) We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. Campers are not permitted to play with personal electronic equipment at camp.

LUNCH & SNACK

Please send your child with a labeled lunch and drink each day. Lunch will NOT be refrigerated this summer. If your child is staying for the After Camp Option, please provide an additional snack. All campers in preschool, kindergarten and 1 & 2 grades should bring a mid-morning snack each day. Snacks must be labeled with your child's name.

MEDICAL

NYS Department of Health mandates all campers must have a health form (including immunizations) on file prior to the first day of camp. Children will not be allowed to attend camp without one.

Your camper's health and safety are the highest priorities at camp. Most camp injuries are minor and will be handled by our on site Health Director. If an injury occurs that needs further attention, you will be called to pick up your child. In a serious emergency, your child may be sent to the hospital with the paramedics. **Please do not send your child to camp sick.** Should your child become ill at camp, we will call you for pick-up.

Our Health Director is permitted to administer life saving medications only (i.e.: epi pen, inhaler). You are responsible for dropping off and picking up your child's medications with the Health Director daily. The camper's counselor will be instructed on proper care and emergency situations.

Campers with diabetes must have a Diabetes Medical Management Plan (DMMP) completed by the parent/guardian and approved by the camper's healthcare provider. This must be presented to the medical director for review with the parent/guardian to assure the necessary items will be brought to camp. The medical director will ascertain that the camper is properly prepared to self-administer insulin as directed by their physician, and will discuss implementation of the DMMP as well as storage of supplies.

PRESCHOOL

All children must be potty trained. Children should be sent to camp in a bathing suit and with sunscreen already applied. Staff is not permitted to re-apply sunscreen. Please provide a change of clothing for your child in a labeled bag.

PAYMENT

Payment must be received one week prior to the week your child attends camp. Additional payment plans must be approved by the department. Refunds may be made up to one week prior to the start of the program. There is a 15% administrative fee for all refunds and withdrawals issued less than one week prior to the start of the program. Once the program has begun, there are no refunds except for documented medical reasons.