



2020 Summer Camp Mandatory Guidelines

The 2020 summer camp program was adversely affected by the lack of access to school facilities, where we hold many of our programs.

However, we believe in the mission of bringing people together responsibly, and hold dear to the values of the Town to provide recreational programs for its children.

We will be holding camps at the following locations:

- Adventure Camp at Dix Hills Park (over 100 campers at this time)
- Camp Bright Star at Caledonia Park (@30 campers)
- Camp Gold Star at Coindre Hall (@80 campers)
- Camp Soundview at Crab Meadow Beach (@80 campers)
- P.L.A.Y. – Flanagan Center (over 200 campers in two sessions)
- Preschool and Playground Camp at Elwood Park (@150 campers)

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Each morning all campers and counselors will have a temperature check, with all parents/guardians required to fill out a NY state mandated health questionnaire.

Campers and Counselors will be denied entry on a bus or to a camp if they:

- are showing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (they have a fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or other symptoms listed by the CDC);
- think they may have COVID-19;
- have tested positive for COVID-19;
- are awaiting the results of testing for COVID-19; or
- have been in close contact with anyone in the four categories above.

Camp directors must adhere to the mandatory guidelines set forth by the State ([Summary Guidelines](#), [Detailed Guidelines](#)). We will focus on enhanced hygiene built into the day.

All directors and assistant directors are certified teachers.

Staff members will be stationed at all pick-up bus stops for Project P.L.A.Y. and will take the temperatures of all campers, and receive all results prior to campers boarding the bus each morning.

- Any time employees are less than 6 feet from each other or interacting with campers, they must wear a face covering.
- Campers are not required to wear masks outdoors. Older children are encouraged but not required to wear masks.



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- Ensure that employee and camper groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff whenever and wherever possible. Group size must not be more than 10 (not including counselors).
- Have minimal contact with other groups to the greatest extent possible.
- Implement practices to maintain adequate social distancing in small areas, such as bathrooms and breakrooms.
- Take reasonable steps to reconfigure space to limit density to 10 or fewer children/campers.
- Prohibit non-essential visitors on site.
- Establish pick up and drop off area.
- Limit sharing of objects and practice hand hygiene before and after contact.
- Provide ample hand washing stations and hand sanitizer.
- Regularly clean and disinfect equipment and toys.
- Instruct staff to stay home if they are sick and remind parents/guardians to keep sick campers at home.
- Implement mandatory health screening assessment (example: questionnaire or temperature check) for employees, visitors, and children/campers, either directly or through their parent/guardian.
- Screening for all campers: Screening must ask about (1) COVID-19 symptoms in past 14 days, (2) Positive COVID-19 test in the past 14 days, and / or (3) close or proximate contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days. Responses must be reviewed and documented daily.

RESPONSE HEALTH PROTOCOL

- If a camper or counselor is demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19, the camper or counselor cannot attend camp and cannot return until the Town has the results of a COVID test signed by a doctor or medical professional.
- If a camper or counselor is awaiting results of a COVID-19 test, the camper or counselor cannot attend camp and cannot return until the Town has the results of a COVID test signed by a doctor or medical professional.
- If a camper or counselor has knowingly come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, the camper or counselor cannot attend camp and cannot return until the Town has the results of a COVID test signed by a doctor or medical professional.

If a camper or counselor responds yes to any of the above, all of the camper or counselor's group members, and parent/guardian if a minor, will be notified immediately, and a notification will be made to all parents informing them that there has been a suspected COVID exposure in the camp.

RAINY DAY POLICY

When bad weather is predicted, camps will be cancelled outright.

A message will be left on a special rain phone with a go/no go on the next day's camp that parents can call and access an updated message.



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INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL CAMPS

ADVENTURE CAMP

This camp has a longer day, from 8:30am to 4pm and is held at Dix Hills Park. We will have roughly 100-150 campers in any one session, down from typically 250 campers per session – per social distancing rules.

In addition to a director and assistant director, we will employ roughly 25 counselors, 8 lifeguards and an EMT.

CAMP BRIGHT STAR

This year, we will hold this camp outdoors at Caledonia Park. The day will be shortened from 5 hours to 3 hours and only 3 days a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with a visit to the pool one day a week. Students will be picked up and dropped off via bus.

In addition to a director and assistant director, we will employ roughly 15 counselors.

CAMP GOLD STAR

This camp takes place at Coindre Hall, with groups of children participating in science experiments and use of a touch tank at Gold Star Beach. The maximum number of campers will be 80.

In addition to a director and assistant director, we will employ roughly 10 counselors.

CAMP SOUNDVIEW

This camp takes place at Crab Meadow Beach from 8:30am– 2:30pm and will have a maximum of 85 campers. Campers take swim lessons and participate in free swim, in addition to structured activities.

In addition to a director and assistant director, we will employ roughly 10 counselors.

PLAYGROUND AND PRESCHOOL CAMP

One Preschool/Playground Camp at Elwood Park. We will max out the playground program at 120 campers (ages 6-12), and the pre-school program will be limited to 1 and half hours per day with two sessions, maxed out at 30 campers.

In addition to a director and assistant director, we will employ roughly 10 counselors.

PROJECT P.L.AY.

Without access to Jack Abrams School and their kitchen facilities, camp will be held at the Town's Flanagan Center this year. Kitchen facilities are necessary as we provide a breakfast, snack and lunch to all campers every day of the program.

We currently have 200 campers registered. The facility can only hold roughly about 100, hence we will break the summer up into two sessions, three weeks each to accommodate all campers. Additionally, for those who are not participating in that session's camp activities, food will be distributed at the Tri-CYA. Students will be picked up and dropped off via bus at central bus stops that will allow for better health monitoring by our staff.

In addition to a director and assistant director, security and food service employees, we will employ roughly 20 counselors.