Summer Camp 2020 Updates

May 22, 2020

Dear Camp Families,

It’s with great excitement that we confirm – WE WILL HAVE CAMP THIS SUMMER!

We are so excited. Please know that camp will not look the same as it has in the past, but we are going to focus on what we CAN do, safely, and provide a positive experience for your children and our staff.

**Several key changes:**

**Location**: Camp will be held at the Beavercreek Senior Center, 3868 Dayton-Xenia Road, at least through June (Schools are closed at this time). Hawker Church has graciously agreed to allow us access to their “lawn” for outdoor play.

**Dates:** Our TENTATIVE start date is June 15. As the City had been on a hiring freeze, we are now trying to re-start the hiring process for our staff and get everyone trained and make the Senior Center space ready for camp by that date. While it’s not guaranteed yet, we are pretty sure it will happen. That date should be finalized soon. Watch your emails for updates for how to choose a refund or credit for the week of June 8 – info coming soon.

**Schedule**: Your camper will be able to attend camp for 7 hours per day, but no longer than that. Camp extended hours have been eliminated. We will be following up soon with an additional form for you to fill out regarding what time would be best for your child to start and end their day. We will do our best to honor your requests and offer camp at the most convenient time possible for your family.

**Groups**: Group sizes will be limited to a maximum of 9 campers, and typically be smaller. We are not allowed more than 10 in each room, including staff or Counselors in Training. Siblings, or those who are
“social distancing together” (think neighbors, carpool buddies, or even campers whose parents work in the same location), will be kept in the same groups. That means that groups will include a wider range of ages. Campers in different groups will NOT intermingle with each other. We will be sending out additional forms for you to fill out and share with us that information soon.

**Facility Access:** Parents/Caregivers will not be allowed in the facility, except for unique, pre-approved circumstances. We will provide photos and (hopefully) video clips throughout the day via email to our camp parents if you have indicated it’s ok to use photos of your child (this question was asked on the forms you filled out during registration). Names will not be included on photos/videos.

**Curbside Pickup and Drop off:** Camper Pick up and Drop off will be “Curbside”! Camp pick-up and drop off will be staggered per group, and a staff member will meet you at your car to escort your child from the parking lot to their camp room.

**Temperatures & Symptoms:** Your child’s temperature will be taken upon arrival at camp. If they have a fever (100 degrees or higher), they will not be permitted to attend camp. Please keep your child home if they have a fever or are feeling sick in any way. Staff temperatures and symptoms will also be monitored daily.

**Field Trips:** All field trips are canceled. We are assessing the ability to have any guests/special presentations at camp safely, instead.

**PE and Sanitation Practices:**

**Face masks:** Camp staff will wear masks/face coverings at all times, with the exception of meal times or active outdoor game play. (i.e. it it’s a hot, humid day, and they are leading an active outdoor game, they will be permitted to take down their face covering temporarily to breathe more easily or have fresh air on their face. This is for their health and safety. When interacting at a distance closer than 6ft with another person, or while indoors, they will have their mask on). Campers are not required to wear masks.

**Handwashing:** Campers and staff will be required to wash their hands upon arriving at camp and before departing, as well as throughout the day. There are several restroom facilities and areas with sinks throughout the facility – common areas will be sanitized throughout the day and groups will have frequent assigned times for bathroom breaks so that common areas can be cleaned throughout the day.

**Cleaning:** Common areas (restrooms, building entrances and exits) will be sanitized throughout the day. Equipment (playground balls, glue bottles, markers, etc.) will be sanitized before and after each use, and be issued for each group. (Group A will use the same playground balls all week – they cannot be borrowed by Group B, which will have their own playground balls to use). Deep cleaning of all camp areas will happen in the early morning every day before camp begins.

**Registration and Payments:**

**Balances due:** Balances for each week of camp will now be due the Monday BEFORE the following week of camp begins – one week in advance. We’re trying to be as flexible as possible with payments as we know every family’s situation is changing these days. If you are able to pay off balances before that, we appreciate that - it will save us some administrative efforts! Don’t forget, you can pay balances online.

**Refund Requests:** If your child will no longer be attending camp for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. We can issue a refund up to one week in advance of camp starting. After that, we will not able to issue a refund. We will send information soon on processing refunds for the week of June 8.

**Waiting Lists:** If you didn’t get in to a week your child wanted, or if you know others who are interested in their children attending, we encourage you to register on the waiting lists. We anticipate spots opening up as we get cancelations.

What else do you have questions about? Your questions will help us figure out what additional info we need to share! Let us know at parks@beavercreekohio.gov.

Sincerely,

The Beavercreek Parks, Recreation & Culture Staff