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YMCA OF MONTCLAIR CAMP 2022 INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT WILL CAMP LOOK LIKE

After a successful 2021 Camp Season in which we served 1304 individual campers, we to continue to bring normalcy back into the lives of the children and families in our communities. We want to ease your children back into the world of positive socialization, active engagement, and empathetic interactions with their peers and camp counselors.

We have created a plan to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the whole child: mind, body, and spirit. We will provide a supportive, nurturing environment for our staff, campers, and families.

In order to provide a safe and healthy summer camp environment, we understand that changes are necessary this season due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19. These guidelines may be adjusted if directed by the Centers for Disease Control and NJ Public Health Departments. Based on current restrictions for camps, the YMCA of Montclair has prepared the following safety plan and outline for the 2022 camp season:

SCREENING & CARE

All staff and campers will be screened daily, upon arrival to camp, and monitored throughout the day as needed.

Screening includes:

- Temperature check (100 degrees or higher will not be admitted)
- Screening Questions about health, exposure, symptoms, and travel
- Physical observation by staff

A separate quarantine area has been identified for any camper or staff who must wait to be picked up after showing signs of not feeling well. We encourage families to have an emergency pick-up person available to pick-up the camper within one hour of being called for camper illness.

Families are required to sign a YMCA COVID-19 waiver prior to their child's first day of camp.

Camp staff and children will be asked to follow NJ DOH and ACA health & safety protocols during the camp day.

FACE COVERINGS

Under current DOH Guidelines, parents are required to provide face coverings for their children. The Y requires that campers wear masks at all times except under these conditions: swimming, engaged in water sports/activities, during extreme heat, active outdoor programming, and eating and drinking. Parents and campers are required to wear masks at drop-off and pick-up. Campers are required to wear masks when traveling from activity to activity, in common areas (hallways/restrooms), and when social distancing between groups is not possible.

SANITATION

- Continuous cleaning by camp staff throughout the day
- Increased handwashing throughout the day
- Hand sanitizer available in each group room/space
- Cleaning of supplies after each group use (individual supplies in some cases)
- Nightly deep cleaning

STAFF TRAINING

- All staff will be trained to identify the risks and how to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including infection control strategies and cleaning & disinfection.
- All staff will be trained on proper PPE use.
- All staff will be trained to recognize signs of and prevent child abuse, harassment, and bullying.

CAMPER GROUPS

Campers will be placed in groups, following State and DOH guidelines, with at minimum 2 consistent adult staff per group. Campers are grouped by age and grade, so siblings may not necessarily be in the same group. Camper groups will stay with their assigned camp staff throughout the day. Each group will be socially distanced from other groups.

LUNCH AND SNACKS

Each day campers will need to bring their own non-perishable lunch, which does not need to be heated nor refrigerated. We are a nut-aware camp, so please do not send your camper with any nut products. Lunch boxes will be kept with the group. If your camper is attending New Adventures or New Discoveries, then their lunch will be kept in their room. If your camper is attending Camp at the Lake, then please make sure their lunch is packed in an insulated lunch box with an ice pack as we cannot refrigerate lunches.

Afternoon snack will be provided for campers participating in the aftercare program. Parents are allowed to send their own snacks for their camper if they wish.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents and campers are required to wear a face covering for drop-off & pick-up. We recommend having the same person for drop-off and pick-up whenever possible.

Staggered drop-off & pick-up times (details to follow) will be set up for the New Adventures and New Discoveries camps. Camp at the Lake campers can be dropped off starting at 8:00 a.m.; the bus departs at 8:15 a.m. The bus will return at approximately 3:45 p.m. with pick-up by 4:00 p.m. for the regular camp day. Aftercare pick-up for all camps is by 6:00 p.m.

Typically, we have an open-door policy, but due to State guidelines parents are not permitted in the building. Parents who are dropping off and picking up at the Camp at the Lake facility in West Milford will need to remain in their car; a staff member will come to their car to assist them. If a camper is picked up early, they will not be permitted to return that camp day (i.e., for a doctor's appointment or school assessment).

TRANSPORATION

Bus Locations for Camp at the Lake will be listed on the website.

We will follow current DOH guidelines regarding maximum capacity at the time that camp begins. Passengers are required to wear a mask while on the bus and are required to wear a seat belt.

SWIMMING

Campers do not wear a mask when doing activities that may get their mask wet, like swimming or water activities because a wet mask can make it difficult to breathe and may not work as well when wet.

The number of campers in the pool/swim/waterfront area at one time will be limited in order to adhere to COVID-19 protocol. We are working with our Association Aquatics Director to ensure that our swim and waterfront activities meet CDC guidelines.

All campers are swim tested on the first day of the camp session and then placed in the applicable swim group. Only deep-water swimmers are allowed in the deep section of the pool or lake.

All campers are required to wear a PFD (personal flotation device) during open water activities at the Lake, such as boating, aqua-mat, and tubing.

Depending on COVID protocols, instructional swim will be between 2-4 days/week.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NEW DISCOVERIES AND NEW ADVENTURES

New Adventures is held at the Geyer Family YMCA which has a black-top area and newly built playground for its outside play space. Campers will spend approximately 50% of their day outside. Swim lessons take place on-site.

New Discoveries is held at the Montclair Community Pre-K which has a black-top area, a grassy area, and a newly renovated playground. Campers will spend approximately 65% of their day outside. Campers will either be bussed to the Geyer Family YMCA or walk to the Park Street YMCA for swim lessons. The New Discoveries' schedule is faster-paced than the New Adventures' schedule.

COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATIONS

Staff are required to be vaccinated or test weekly. Campers are not required to be vaccinated/tested.

HEALTH FORMS AND MEDICATIONS

ALL health history forms must be completed and immunizations uploaded by June 15th. Any camper who does not have a completed health history form and immunizations will not be permitted to attend camp. You can access your camper's health form by logging into your CORE account [here](#). (Please do not log onto Campminder. This software is no longer in use.)

Epi-pens, inhalers, and other medication must be in their original containers with the prescription label. We recommend placing them in a Ziploc bag labeled with your camper's name. A prescription medication authorization form is required and should be placed in the bag with the medication.

New Discoveries and New Adventures require medications to be dropped off prior to your camper's first day of camp. Please arrange this with the specific camp director.

Camp at the Lake medications should be given to the bus counselor on your camper's first day of camp. Please indicate at that time whether the medication can stay at camp or needs to come home every day. We recognize that some medications are lifesaving and may need to be in the immediate area of your camper and therefore need to go back and forth on the bus every day.

SIBLING DISCOUNTS

The YMCA of Montclair does not offer sibling discounts.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available for those with limited financial resources who desire to send kids to our camps. To be eligible, campers must reside within our service area: Bloomfield, Bloomingdale, Clifton, Cedar Grove, Glen Ridge, Haskell, Montclair, Verona, and West Milford. The financial assistance form is available on our website; you can go to www.montclairymca.org/camps and scroll to the bottom to access the form.

Completing the Financial Assistance form does not register your child for camp. You must complete a camp registration form and submit a deposit for each session to reserve a space.

Families that have received assistance in the past or that are currently receiving assistance or another YMCA program, must reapply for summer camp funding each year.

NOTE: COVID-19 guidelines are subject to change. The information listed in this document is based on the required camp protocol at this time. As new guidelines are issued, we will review our policies and make adjustments accordingly. Updates to our policies will be e-mailed out to camp registrants.

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