

# 2021 Township of Washington Summer Camp Handbook



## SUMMER RECREATION CAMP PROGRAM

Monday, June 28 - Friday, August 6  
Regular Camp Hours run from 8:30 - 2:30  
Before and After Care is Available

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## THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

### Bethany Community Center and Memorial Field

The camp is open to children entering Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall.

#### RAIN POLICY

In case of rain, camp will be held completely indoors at The Bethany Community Center for all grades

You will receive emails prior to the start of camp to better direct you of dropoff and pickup procedures at our new facility.

#### HEAT POLICY

WE HAVE FULL-TIME AIR CONDITIONING!!!!!! However, we will spend 70% of our day outside, but during extreme heat, campers will be moved inside and outside for safety reasons. There are filtered water fountains throughout the facility and we will keep water coolers outside at our numerous sites as well.

### BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PROGRAM

Before and After Care are available for all campers in Summer Recreation at an additional fee. Both will be held on-site at Memorial Field. Before Care is from 7:30 -8:30 a.m. and After Care is from 2:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Supervision is done by counselors and their supervisors.

Please see "Trip Schedule and other Miscellaneous Information" on the back of this handbook for Before/After Care trip information. **Due to uncertainty regarding COVID-19, there will be no trips this year.**

## GENERAL POLICIES

Campers must follow all of the rules of the camp. These will be explained to them on the first day of camp. Campers must follow these rules to ensure the safety of themselves and other campers.

Please notify your child's counselor of any issues that you believe need to be brought to their attention including, within reason, any specific instructions pertaining to your child. If, after speaking with the counselor, you are not satisfied with the results, please notify one of the on-site supervisors.

Under no circumstances will bullying, fighting, or the use of abusive behavior be permitted. Any child exhibiting inappropriate behavior will be informed that his/her behavior could result in temporary or permanent removal from program activities by either their Counselor or a Supervisor. Parents will also be advised of any such behavior. Should this behavior continue, the Counselor will again speak with the Supervisors who will then speak with the Director. The parents will then be notified of the decision to remove the child from camp.

Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to leaving for camp in the morning. If they are able to apply sunscreen themselves, please send additional with them to camp.

Snacks, lunches, and drinks should be sent with campers every day. A snack and lunch time will be scheduled by each group every day. Your children will be reminded to clean up their trash and eat with their groups.

Our water sprinklers will be turned on most days when the weather is too hot. Please send your child with a towel every day and encourage them to wear a bathing suit to camp under ..their clothing if they will be getting wet.

## GENERAL POLICIES (cont.)

Please do not send your child prior to the 8:30 a.m start time unless they are enrolled in Before Care. Counselors will have a meeting every morning and cannot sign in campers prior to 8:30 a.m.

Please make sure to pick up your child at the 2:30 p.m. dismissal time or the 6:00 p.m. After Care dismissal time. Failure to do so will result in a late fee of \$35.

Please only sign-up your child for the Swim Club only if they are able to swim.

**Children must have an adult sign them out of camp each day.** If it is not a parent or guardian, parents must have provided the camp supervisors with the names of those adults who are allowed to sign their child out of camp. **And, this person must show identification when signing out a child.**

If an adult is not on the approved sign-out list, the parent or guardian must send in a note on the day they would like their child dismissed to another adult. The adult **must show identification.**

No child may leave camp on his/her own unless a note is given on the day they are allowed to leave with specific instructions for the counselor. This is only for children who are either walking or biking home, if they are not being driven in a car.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify his/her children(s) counselor at the beginning of the camp day that they will be picking up their child at a time other than regular dismissal time. A pickup location can be discussed to make finding the child easier for the parent.

## GENERAL POLICIES (cont.)

All children **must wear sneakers** every day. They may bring sandals/flip flops. However, due to the amount of walking and physical activities sneakers must be worn.

Children are grouped based on the grade they are entering in September of 2021. Please give your child's counselor or counselors any important information including phone numbers and best ways to contact you should they have a need to do so.

## Township of Washington Summer Camp COVID - 19 Response Plan

All information below will be in conjunction with the [NJDOH Youth Summer Camp Standards](#)

### COVID - 19 Response Plan is Subject to Change

- **Staff will be trained on the following protocols:**
  - Daily health screening for signs of COVID - 19 at entry
  - Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Infection control strategies - Hand hygiene, social distancing, limiting (removing) non - essential visitors, limiting large group gatherings, and field trip procedures (If necessary)
  - Suspected or confirmed COVID - 19 case isolation, notification, response
  - Facility management - cleaning and disinfection, ventilation
  - Attendance (Daily) - For contact tracing purposes
  - Food service - Social distancing and hand hygiene
- **COVID - 19 safety measure will be communicated to staff, parents and campers, including:**
  - COVID - 19 signs and symptoms
  - Staying home when ill
  - Proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
  - Wearing face coverings when social distancing can't be maintained
  - Reporting illnesses to the camp director and other healthcare personnel immediately

## Covid - 19 Response Plan Continued ...

- Additional hand sanitizer bottles will be available for use throughout the camp day. They will be in designated areas.
- Parents will be asked to send their child with a bag containing a personal hand sanitizer, extra PPE, and their own personal arts and crafts supplies to minimize sharing of items.
- Parents will acknowledge review of a standard daily screening form and keep campers home if the form can not be adequately confirmed
- Parents will be asked to fill out a form for two weeks before the start of camp, monitoring their childrens' health and any symptoms associated with COVID - 19
- Temperature checks will be given at the beginning of the camp day. Any camper/counselor with a temperature over 100.4 will be sent home.
- If indoor space is used, campers must wear facial coverings at all times.
- Campers will wear facemasks when moving from one area of camp to the next and during any non-active time when social distancing can not be achieved (le. arts and crafts, sitting for a show, etc.)
- Staff will wear facial coverings at all times, except when swimming.