



Dear Camp Families,

We hope that you and your family have been safe and well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Establishing and maintaining a safe and healthy camp experience remains our top priority. Unlike other years, we are presented with a different reality in the wake of public health recommendations and government mandates in our state and across our country. As we approach the summer, we want to update you on our decision-making process and safety protocols moving forward.

With recent guidelines from the State, CDC and OEC, our camp has gone through a great deal of restructuring to ensure the safety and well-being of all campers and prevent the spread of infectious disease.

Here are some basic updates to our YMCA of Greenwich Summer 2020 camp:

- Camp will begin on Monday, June 29th and run through Friday, August 21st.
- Mini Camp and Discovery Camp will run out of the main YMCA Facility at 50 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT.
- We have put strict cleaning and disinfecting procedures in place, such as hand sanitizing stations in camp classrooms and around the facility, an increase in personal hygiene such as hand washing, periodic cleaning of classrooms, locker rooms, and restrooms, and the constant disinfecting of toys and supplies between each activity. All staff will be required to undergo additional trainings on these cleaning and disinfecting procedures.
- OEC Guidelines mandates group sizes of 10 campers per group with 1-2 staff members always. Each group will remain socially distant from the other groups. There may be options for groups to enjoy activities in parallel settings, and we are working to re-design all our programming so that campers are engaged and active throughout the day.
- Each morning, all campers and staff will go through health screenings. The health check will consist of a temperature check, health questions, and general observations of camper and staff health.
- All staff members will be required to wear masks or face coverings during indoor activities, as well as outdoor activities when their ability to remain socially distant (6 ft. apart) is compromised. It will be optional for campers to wear masks, but it is encouraged.
- Swimming and pool usage will be available once the Governor gives his approval of pool use. Like our camp staff, the Aquatics Team is working hard to create procedures to ensure social distance from campers while in and around the pool area. Cleaning and disinfecting of floatation devices will occur after each use.

- We are working with town officials to secure additional outdoor space within walking distance for additional outdoor activities. Also, our team is exploring innovative ways to utilize all outdoor spaces 50 East Putnam.
- Field Trips have been suspended due to transportation and social distancing restrictions at field trip destinations.

We receive new guidance daily from the ACA (American Camp Association), YMCA National, and surrounding camps in the Connecticut area. Please be reassured that we are not making decisions on our own but rather using our extensive infrastructure of resources to determine the best environment for your children.

We can't wait to welcome your child to our YMCA of Greenwich Summer Camp. Not only does the summer camp experience help kids build self-confidence and independence, kids also make new friends and explore and engage in new activities. While there will be new protocols and restrictions for social distancing to keep our campers and staff healthy and safe, we are committed, now more than ever, to creating a memorable camp experience for all children.

If you have any concerns regarding registration or general questions, please feel free to reach out our Camp Leadership Team.

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