



Dear Camp Families,

We hope that you and your family have been safe and well during this ongoing 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 2021 camp:

- Camp will begin on Monday, June 28th and run through Friday, August 20st.
- 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 maximum group sizes of 16 campers per group with 2-3 staff members in each group. 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 redesign 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 health questions and general observations of camper and staff health.
- All staff members and campers 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.
- Campers will participate in swim lesson each day while following safety guidelines set by our Aquatics Director. Like our camp staff, the Aquatics Team has been 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 until further notice due to transportation and social distancing restrictions at field trip destinations. We hope to introduce field trips to camp once we receive further guidance.

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 continue 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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