



Deerfield Park District  
**2020 Summer  
Day Camp**

FREQUENTLY ASKED  
QUESTIONS GUIDE

# Welcome to Camp



## Will there be camp open houses at each of the camp locations this summer?

In order to keep group size small and limit the number of interactions between staff and patrons, we will not be holding open houses this summer.

## Will my buddy requests be honored?

We will do our best to honor all camp buddy requests already received in e-PACT by May 22, 2020. We may have to get creative due to restrictions.

## Camp Refunds

A full refund for camp will be issued up until 5 pm on July 2. After that date, refunds will only be granted for medical reasons or if you are moving outside of the Deerfield Park District. In these cases, you will receive a prorated refund. If your child is unable to attend because of a medical problem, you must submit a letter from your doctor on his/her letterhead in order to receive a refund. In case of moving, you must submit proof in writing that you are moving.

## Who should I contact with questions about my child's camp?

While some of the camp names are changed this summer, the staff are the same and able to help you with any of your questions or concerns. Their individual Contact information and camps supervised are below:

## Camp Administration Contact information



**Dana Bundy**

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So Big Playtime in the Park, Sun'N'Fun, Little Scampers, Early Childhood General Camp, General Camp with extended Day K-2



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Art Camp, Stage and Screen, CIT Program

# Camp Contacts



## With the changes in camp names, what will the Camp Site emails be this summer?

All of the camp emails are listed below. This is not a primary means to communicate to staff as they do not look at e-mails during the camp day. Primary camp communication should be through the camp administrative staff above.

### Name of Camp

**Art Camp**

**3/4 Boys Sports Camp**

**5/6 Boys Sports Camp**

**Early Childhood General Camp**

**General Camp with Extended Day, Grade K-2**

**General Camp with Extended Day, Grade 3-6**

**Girls Sports Camp**

**Little Scampers – JPCC**

**Middle School Boys Sports Camp**

**Middle School Girls Sports Camp**

**Rookie Sports Camp**

**School Aged General Camp**

**So Big Camp Playtime in the Park**

**Stage and Screen**

**Sun'N'Fun Camp**

### Email

art@camp.dfpd.org

3/4sports@camp.dfpd.org

5/6sports@camp.dfpd.org

ECgeneral@camp.dfpd.org

GCextendedK2@camp.dfpd.org

GCextended36@camp.dfpd.org

girlssports@camp.dfpd.org

scampersjpcc@camp.dfpd.org

msboyssports@camp.dfpd.org

msgirlssports@camp.dfpd.org

rookiesports@camp.dfpd.org

SAGeneral@camp.dfpd.org

sobig@camp.dfpd.org

stagenscreen@camp.dfpd.org

sunnfun@camp.dfpd.org

## Will Marla's be providing lunch again this summer?

Campers should bring a labeled sack lunch and drink or pre-purchase one from Marla's Brown Bag Lunch every day of camp. Lunches brought from home must be in single use containers to be thrown out after each meal.

Lunches will not be refrigerated so please pack food appropriate for hot weather (i.e. refrain from using foods that quickly spoil such as lunch meats, and condiments such as mayonnaise). We recommend ice packs for lunches.

As drinking fountains will not be available for use, your child must bring a labeled water bottle to camp each day to stay hydrated during busy camp activities.

# Camp Procedures



## What is the camp protocol sheet and where can I get it?

The camp protocol sheet is a document that asks you to answer four questions and requires your signature. This screening document lets us know that you are not sending your child to camp if they are not feeling well.

### The questions will be:

- Q:** Within the last 7 days has your child experienced a persistent cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Q:** Within the last 7 days has your child experienced chills or shaking, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell?
- Q:** Within the past 14 days, has your child or someone in your family been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been advised to self-isolate by a medical professional due to COVID-19 reasons?
- Q:** Was your child's temperature greater than 100.4 degree this morning?

If this answer is **yes** any of these questions, you should keep your child **home**. It will take all of us working together to make camp a fun and safe experience.

You will be e-mailed a copy of the sheet. You will need to fill out and sign a separate sheet **every day** to attend camp.

## How will drop-off be different?

The first difference will be that upon arrival, you will notice staff outside in face coverings and gloves, welcoming campers to the locations. Upon arrival, staff will collect the camp protocol sheet from you and check your child in electronically. The campers will use hand sanitizer provided and enter the camp location. They must be wearing a face covering at this time.

Drop off will begin promptly 15 minutes before your child's camp begins. Please do not arrive earlier than this to avoid crowds and lines at drop off. Camp drop off will end promptly at the start of camp. All late arrivals must reach out to the camp administrator to schedule a drop off time. Continued violation in drop off procedures can be reason for dismissal from camp.

Parents will not be allowed to exit the cars during drop off and pick up. If you need to communicate something with the camp staff, please reach out to the camp administrator. They will communicate your concerns to the staff.

# Getting to Camp & Pick-up



## What should I do if my child is missing camp?

While we hope to see your child each day of the camp session, we understand that from time to time they will be absent. There is no need to contact the camp site or the park district with daily absences. We will only be verifying absences with phone calls for children that walk or ride their bikes to camp every day.

## How can my child walk or ride their bike to camp?

If you plan on having your child (entering 3rd grade and up only) walk or ride their bike to camp every day of the camp session, please fill out the walker and biker form on the park district website. You may also contact your camp administrator to receive one via email.

You must provide five contact numbers to try in the event your child does not arrive at camp. If we do not speak with someone at the phone numbers provided, our sixth call will be to the Deerfield Police Department to help us in ascertaining your child's whereabouts and safety. Only children with an active walker and biker form on file will be released from camp to walk or ride their bikes home. All walkers and bikers will be released at the conclusion of pick-up as traffic at the school is less congested.

Should your walker or bike rider be absent, please contact the site via e-mail at least 30 minutes before the start of camp. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please notify the site director by sending an email or a signed note including days and dates your child will not be at camp.

Campers riding bikes to and from camp must also have a signed and dated camp protocol sheet with them each day. If they do not have this form, they will not be allowed to enter the campsite and you will be contacted immediately to pick up. We will not be able to take verbal approval over the phone.

## How will Pick-up be different?

Pick up should be an easy, 15-minute maximum process. As with Drop off, parents will not be allowed to exit cars for pick up. Staff and campers will be standing either in a socially distant manner or wearing face coverings. Please do not arrive prior to the end time of camp for pick up. It is critical that we do all we do not to create crowds or interfere with other camps at the site who are trying to hold their own pick up procedures. Continued violation in this can be reason for dismissal from camp.

# Camp Safety



## How often will my child go swimming this summer?

Due to the challenges associated with physical distancing on a bus and at the pool, campers will not be visiting the pool this summer. This will ensure the safety and well-being of all campers and staff.

## What about fieldtrips this summer?

We feel that bussing for this summer is not be feasible under the current guidelines. Thinking as a parent, we would not want our children on a hot bus with face masks. As a result, all field trips or special events planned for the 2020 camp season have been cancelled.

## My child is at a higher risk due to medical conditions. What should I do?

If your camper has a pre-existing medical condition or is for any reason at a higher risk for complications related to COVID-19, please consult with your child's healthcare provider and inform the Deerfield Park District as soon as possible so that we can work together to assess risk and come up with an individual plan for your family.

## What should I do if my camper is not feeling well?

For the protection of all children, your child must be kept at home if s/he shows any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- a fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
- diarrhea
- a rash
- nasal discharge / discharging of ears or eyes

Parents must exercise every precaution and keep their child home for a 24-hour period when exhibiting these symptoms. When the child has been symptom-free for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medication), s/he can return to camp. Children must be well enough to participate in all regular program activities when returning to camp. In case of head lice, a child must stay home for 24 hours after his/her first treatment and cannot return until s/he is nit-free.

Please report any highly contagious illnesses to the camp director. COVID-19, Strep throat, pink eye, pin worms, measles, mumps, chicken pox, scarlet fever, head lice, etc. are among those conditions categorized as "highly contagious."

# Sickness, Cleaning & Disinfection



## **What happens if my child gets sick at camp?**

If a camper or staff member displays symptoms of COVID-19 while at camp, s/he will be isolated immediately. The camper's family will be notified to come and pick up their camper. Campers will remain in isolation under the care of our staff until your arrival.

They will not be allowed to return to camp without a signed doctor's note stating they are safe to return. Without a doctor's note, they will be allowed to return after a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset and can be released after fever free and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 72 hours OR has 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart.

## **What happens if there is a reported case of COVID-19 at camp?**

If a camper or staff member does contract COVID-19, they should remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset and can be released after fever free and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 72 hours OR has 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart.

The rest of the camp group will be notified of a positive test result immediately. The campers in that group should:

- stay home until 14 days after their last exposure
- check their temperature twice a day
- watch for symptoms of COVID19

We feel these guidelines are necessary to help provide a safe and healthy summer for all.

## **What will the cleaning and disinfecting procedures look like?**

Cleaning and disinfecting will take place every two hours throughout the camp day and will be conducted in compliance with CDC protocols. Everyone will be washing their hands regularly and using hand sanitizer multiple times a day. Hand sanitizer will be available to all campers with sanitization stations available in each room at each camp site.

## **How will camp groups be structured?**

Campers will be in "pods" of no more than 10 children to 2 counselors and everyone in the pods will be required to wear masks when activities cannot allow for 6-ft. distancing between campers. Activities will be modified as need to allow for physical distancing as much as possible.

# Face Masks & Counselor Training



## **It says my child must wear a face mask at times. What does this mean?**

First, let us distinguish between PPE and face masks. A PPE will protect you from the world around you. They are hot, difficult to breath in and often cumbersome. A facemask is a cloth covering that effectively protects everyone else from you. They are lightweight, breathable, washable, and easy to use. Should you wish your child to wear a PPE quality mask, please send them to camp each day with one.

Deerfield Park District will be providing a washable neck gaiter to every camper this summer. You are welcome to provide your own face covering if there is something you would prefer.

Daily, when we can effectively socially distance, campers will not be required to wear face masks. During the times when we cannot keep 6 feet apart, campers and staff will be required to wear face masks.

During this time and with so much at stake, we will have a zero tolerance for spitting, touching, eloping, licking, grabbing, or any other behavior that makes it difficult to socially distant when required. Refusing to wear a face mask when required by staff or engaging in behavior that makes it difficult to socially distant when required will result in immediate expulsion from a program.

## **What additional precautions and training will camp counselors receive?**

In addition to the usual training our counselors receive, we will also train them on the importance of:

- physical distancing guidelines
- teach and reinforce washing hands, using hand sanitizer, and covering coughs and sneezes among children and staff
- proper use and removal of cloth face coverings
- playing modified games that promote physical distancing
- proper cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting for high touched areas for the pods and when using equipment
- CPR, First Aid and how to care for a camper who might be exhibiting signs or symptoms of Covid-19
- CDC and state government has procedural changes almost every day. We will adapt to those changes as necessary.