



A photograph of two young boys wearing face masks playing on a red and blue rope climbing structure at a park. In the background, a wooden train playset is visible. A white rectangular overlay contains the text.

Deerfield Park District
2021 Summer Camp
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS GUIDE



Deerfield
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District

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 submitted in e-PACT by May 21, 2021. Camp buddy requests will only be accepted for Little Scampers, #1 Camp, Pathfinders, Rookie Sports Camp, Trailblazers and Explorers Camps. We may have to get creative due to restrictions.

Camp Refunds

A full refund for camp will be issued up until 5 pm on May 31. After that date, refunds will only be granted if the campers spot can be filled, for medical reasons or if you are moving outside of the Deerfield Park District. 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?

Individual staff contact information and camps supervised are below:

Camp Administration Contact Information



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Getting to Camp

Drop-off procedures

The process for drop-off should be very quick and easy. First, parents should fill out the health questionnaire in the ePACT app. This will further reduce paper use, and decrease staff interaction. Upon arrival, you will notice staff outside in face coverings and gloves, welcoming campers to the locations. Staff will 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.

Pick-up procedures

Pick-up should be an easy, 15-minute 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. Camp pick-up times are staggered to allow for safe pick-up. It is critical that we do not create crowds or interfere with other camps at the site who are trying to hold their own safe pick-up procedures. Continued violation of these procedures can be reason for dismissal from camp.

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.

Parents of campers riding bikes to and from camp must complete a camp wellness sheet through the ePACT app before sending your child to camp each day. If app is not filled out each morning, the camper will not be allowed to enter the campsite and parent will be contacted immediately to pick-up. We will not be able to take verbal approval over the phone, it must be completed in the app.



Camp Procedures



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.

Will swimming be an option this summer?

Yes! Campers will be bussed to Deerspring Pool for swim lesson and open swim this summer.

Swim Lessons: Little Scampers, #1 Camp, Pathfinders, and Rookies Sports Camps will have the opportunity to take part in camp swim lessons this summer. Students will remain in their camp groups and paired with a Starfish certified swim instructor. The lessons are designed to work on meeting core competencies required to develop efficient swimming skills. Learning will be self-paced but challenging using age appropriate activities.

Open Swim: Campers enrolled in Trailblazers, Explorers, Art, Stage and Screen, 3/4 sports, 5/6 sports, Middle School, and Girls Sports camps will take part in open swim this summer. Campers will remain in their camp groups while at the pool. There will be no public swim at the pool during camp time. Each camper will be swim tested on the first day of camp. This will ensure that they only go to the appropriate areas of the pools. While this time will be used for free play all of the pools are staffed with lifeguards to ensure the safety of the activities.

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.

Camp Safety



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."

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. If they test positive for COVID-19, they should remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset AND be symptom and fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Sickness, Cleaning & Disinfection



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 or for asymptomatic patients, the date of specimen collection AND symptom and fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.

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

- stay home 10 days after exposure if no symptoms have developed with no COVID-19 test
- 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 sanitation 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?

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. Please make sure to send your child to camp each day with a face covering

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.