



## TAPPLY-THOMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER

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Dear Summer Camp Families,

We want to let you know that the TTCC Board voted on 5/28 to go forward with Summer Day Camp with some restrictions. This is great news to all of us that have been hopeful that we can provide our local kids with a great summer experience. We will be implementing a number of actions to align with the Governor's Guidelines for Day Camps and the CDC recommendations.

Our primary concern will be to provide the safest possible environment for our campers and staff based on the information we currently have. We want you to know that we cannot guarantee that these measures will result in no cases of COVID-19. There are many considerations beyond our control and we want you to be able to make an informed decision. As a Day Camp our campers and staff leave the camp environment at the end of each day. We have no control over what happens outside of camp hours and thus cannot be sure that all are practicing safe social distancing. We will do our very best and with that in mind will have the following guidelines in place:

- We will be limiting the number of campers in each camp based on suggested 2 staff/8 camper's ratios. We have also been designated as an Emergency Childcare Center which will require us to take children of essential workers first. We will then take children that will not have a parent at home during the day. Finally, we will fill the extra spaces with campers in the order that they registered. We will try to ensure that each child is given the opportunity to attend one or more weeks of camp.
- There will be no Before or After Camp program this year.
- Staff will be strongly encouraged to wear reusable/washable cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth as much as possible to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 when social distancing is difficult.
- At this point campers will be asked to have a mask (we can provide one if needed) but will only need to wear them if they need to be in close contact with staff or other campers. The new Governor's orders suggest that older children wear mask coverings when in close proximity to others or when social distancing is not possible. The term 'older children' has not been explained, as yet, so this may change.
- At a minimum, campers and staff will be required to use hand hygiene when:
  - Arriving at camp
  - Entering the building
  - Before and after meals
  - Before and after bathroom use
  - After sneezing, coughing, nose blowing
  - After use of shared equipment
  - Prior to leaving camp
- Activities will be held outside as much as possible.
- All spaces will be cleaned frequently.

- As much as possible campers will have the same counselor group for the entire time they are with us and will have their own assigned 'activity/classroom' space.

### **Drop-off & Pick-up Procedures:**

- All adults dropping off children will be asked to wear a cloth face mask covering over their nose and mouth when at the day camp facility or public spaces where other individuals are present when social distancing is not possible.
- Drop-off and Pick-up will be done in staggered shifts. Drop-off will be done between 8:45-9:15 and Pick-up between 3:45-4:15 pm. These times will be assigned prior to the first day of camp.
- Daily screenings will be done upon camper and staff arrival at camp. At drop-off parents will need to bring their camper to the staff member signing them in and will be asked a series of questions. Campers will have temperatures taken upon arrival and parents will need to wait for the result before leaving.
- At pick-up a staff member will bring your child to your car. Proper ID will be required from the person picking up and the person will need to be on the pick-up list.

### **Field Trips**

- At this time there will not be field trips. This could change if restrictions are loosened but we do not anticipate that happening this summer.
- We hope to go to the beach at least once per week.
- When on the bus children will be seated in a scattered format so that they are 6' apart.

### **Payment**

- The registration fee will not include a camper t-shirt this year as the shirts are used for field trips. The fee will be used to help offset the costs of all additional supplies necessary to run camp this year.
- The preferred method for camp payment will be by credit card over the phone or by check. To pay with cash please call the office prior to coming in and please wear a mask while in the building. While in the building maintain a 6' distance from all staff and campers.

### **Other Precautionary Measures**

- Any camper with a fever of more than 100.4 will not be allowed to attend camp and must remain out of camp for 48 hours after the fever has broken.
- Person(s) with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 must stay out of the facility until symptom-based criteria are met for discontinuation of isolations:
  - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND
  - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (recovery is defined as resolution of fever (after off any fever reducing medications plus improvement in other symptoms).
- If a child or anyone in the home has had direct contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19, the child will be required to stay home for 14 days.
- Any person that develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at camp will be masked, removed from contact with others, and immediately sent home.
- Children with a cough and a fever will be required to be seen by a medical professional within 24 hours. Parents will be required to inform the TTCC of what the illness may be within 24 hours.
- If a Doctor has cleared your child to attend sooner than the 10/3 rule above, the medical professional must in writing state, "That the child was seen and was evaluated for

\_\_\_\_\_ and cleared to return to camp on \_\_\_\_\_ date. The child does not have COVID-19 and is able to return to camp without placing another child or adult at risk.

- ***Any camper coming from outside of NH must meet the 14-day quarantine requirement.***

We understand that this is surreal time for all of us and want to be here for our families and allow our kids to have a chance to return to some type of normalcy. We also realize that having your child attend camp comes with some risk and needs to be an individual decision. Please know that we are here for you and are happy to answer any additional questions you may have prior to making your decision.

With the current information we have provided we will be asking each camp family to answer the following questions:

1. Are you still interested in having your child attend camp?
2. Do you have someone available that can provide your childcare this summer?
3. Are you considered an essential worker?

If we do not hear back from you by Wednesday this week we will be following up with phone calls to be sure we reach all of those registered for camp.

Best regards,

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