

June 6, 2020

Dear Summer Adventure Camp Families,

Yesterday, on June 5, 2020, we had a meeting with Dr. Clifford Mitchell and Mrs. Linda Rudie, Licensed Environmental Health Scientist. Mrs. Rudie is our immediate supervisor for our youth camp. At this meeting, they gave us updated regulations. Here are the key points of that meeting.

- Campers are now allowed to go inside to use our bathrooms daily. (We will also have multiple porta pots with hand washing stations throughout the property.)
- Campers are also allowed to be inside for SEVERE inclement weather.
- Campers are also allowed to store their paper bag lunch in our camp coolers that will be kept inside.
- On Code Red days where you might see an increase in the risk of heat exhaustion, campers will be with their one teacher to either go into a shady area, our pool, sprinklers and water pads.
- Campers older than age 9 do not need face coverings since camp is required to be mostly outside. They should still have it in a zip lock bag in their back pack because they will only be used in emergencies when we might have to go inside.
- Your child will be with one teacher all day learning weekly about countries throughout our world. The stations that they will have fun at this summer are sports and games, arts and crafts, STEM, music and drama, science and nature, and multiple field games out in our huge field. Our huge field is now being mowed weekly by our local farmer and we have set up huge tents along our tree line on our property for more shade. We now have a huge tent right beside our soccer field so that movement activities can still be provided under a sheltered space. In between some of the stations, we will have different types of sprinklers for the children to run through to cool off.
- Ideally, it would be best for the campers to wear their bathing suit and water shoes throughout the day due to all of the water activities. Since they will have a zip lock bag with a change of clothes in it, they can always change out of their bathing suits.

- The campers can only bring inside their backpack a paper bag lunch and snacks, sunscreen and bug spray in a zip lock bag, and a water bottle. Everything **MUST** be labeled with the campers name on it.
- Any "touch areas" will be cleaned between camp grounds and campers must wash their hands between stations. This will be led by our teachers.
- **DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES WILL BE PRE-ARRANGED VIA SIGN-UP GENIUS THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE START OF THE NEW SESSION! WHEN YOU DROP OFF, YOU MUST BE ON-TIME. AT PICK UP TIME, YOU WILL HAVE A 10-MINUTE WINDOW.**

A. Drop off Procedure

1. Pull your car up to the arrival tent.
2. A teacher will come to your car to watch you take your child's temperature with your **OWN** thermometer and it will be recorded into our log.
3. Your child will be escorted by a teacher to wash their hands.

B. Pick up Procedure

1. Pull your car up to the tent.
2. A designated teacher will escort your child to your car.

- **Inclement Weather**

A. Natural Disaster – a natural event as a flood, earthquake, or hurricane that causes great damage or loss of life and severe weather

1. Procedure:

- A. Weather is monitored daily by the camp director and the weekly forecast is noted a head of time. An alert is sent to the teacher's phone by the camp director.
- B. Camp director will blow the air horn twice, which will signal all teachers to gather their groups and head indoors.
- C. Campers are to come indoors and we will be social distancing.
- D. Once the natural disaster and/or severe weather passes, we will resume activities.

- **Health Information**

When you register your child, the following forms are required by Maryland state law and must be provided when applying:

- a. Application which includes health history
- b. NEW medical release form
- c. NEW sunscreen authorization form

- d. CURRENT immunization record
- e. Medication Authorization Form, if applicable
- f. Asthma Action Plan, if applicable
- g. Epi-pen Order Form, if applicable
- h. Maryland Tick-Bite Notification form that will be sent home with any tick bites.

Looking forward to smiling faces at *G.C.D.S. 's Summer Adventures Camp.*

Sincerely,

Mrs. Poland, Camp Director

Mrs. Stradling, Educational Administrator