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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS & SUMMER INFORMATION 2021

DEAR CAMP PLAYLAND, HATS OFF TO THEE!
FRIENDSHIPS, MEMORIES, FUN-FILLED ACTIVITIES
TRUE & STRONG, UNITED ARE WE
WITH A RAH, RAH, RAH, SIS, BOOM, BAH,
STOMP YOUR FEET, CHA, CHA, CHA
HATS OFF TO CAMP PLAYLAND!

The following protocols are based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the American Camp Association (ACA) and the [CT Office of Early Childhood \(OEC\)](#). Parents and Camp Playland must work in tandem to create the safest environment for campers and staff. All protocols are subject to change.

CAMP DATES – Camp will operate Monday, June 28th – Friday, August 13th. Session 1 is Monday, June 28th – Friday, July 23rd. Session 2 is Monday, July 26th – Friday, August 13th. There is no camp on Monday, July 5th.

CAMP HOURS – Camp is 9:00am – 4:00pm. We do offer a short day option for Pre-K campers with a 2:00pm parent pick up. Bus pickup will be before 9:00am and drop off will be after 4:00pm. Please see transportation, pick up, and drop off information on page 3.

PRE-CAMP VISITS / ORIENTATION – The campus is open for tours by appointment. Please call or email for a socially distanced walk around campus. We will have a visiting day for enrolled campers on Saturday, June 26th. Pre-registration will be required.

GROUP SIZE & SOCIAL DISTANCING AT CAMP – Groups will be made up of approximately 16 campers, and will never exceed 18 campers. There will be 3-6 counselors per group, depending on the age of the campers. During the day, the group will remain together, and will be socially distant from other groups. We will encourage social distancing within the group of 16, however, within the group contact with groupmates will be unavoidable. We will do our best to accommodate friend requests.

FACE MASKS – During the camp day, campers may wear a mask if they would like – this is not required. Camp will operate outdoors. If a camper chooses to wear a mask, there will be many opportunities for “mask breaks”. Camp will have disposable masks available. All staff will wear masks at all times.

CAMPER & COUNSELOR CLEANLINESS – There will be many stations around campus for hand washing and sanitizing. Campers and counselors must wash hands with soap and water or sanitize hands upon arrival, after using the restroom, before and after eating, before and after using shared equipment and after sneezing, coughing or blowing their nose. Counselors will wear disposable gloves and/or use hand sanitizer when helping campers apply sunscreen or bug spray.

CAMP NURSE(S) – We will have two medical offices and two nurses at camp this summer. One office will be used for first aid and to dispense pre-authorized daily medications. The other office will be used for ill campers.

ILL CAMPERS – If during the day campers / counselors are determined by the nurse to have an observable illness, such as constant coughing, stomach issues, respiratory distress, or a temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit campers / counselors will be sent home. If a camper/counselor is diagnosed with COVID-19 we will immediately report this to the health department and follow their direction. We will also notify families and staff immediately.

ACTIVITIES / SWIMMING – We are excited to offer all activities this summer, with the exception of cooking. New activities for summer 2021 include woodworking, revamped archery, revamped ropes & mats and yoga! Campers will enjoy free swim and small group swim lessons with group mates in one of our three heated pools.

DISINFECTING ACTIVITIES – After a group finishes an activity, common touch areas will be disinfected. At the end of each camp day custodians will sanitize and clean the entire campus.

BATHROOMS – We have hired designated bathroom cleaners. These maintenance workers will sanitize bathrooms all day.

INDOOR AREAS / RAINY DAYS – As much as possible, activities will be held outdoors. On very rainy days groups will be socially distanced in covered pavilions and tents. Camp will function rain or shine.

LUNCH / SNACK – Camp will provide a box lunch and snack for all campers. A menu is posted on the camp website, and parents / guardians will place lunch orders before their camp session(s). Campers will eat socially distanced at picnic tables with their group. Counselors will remain with the group at lunch, but not eat with campers, so as not to remove their facemasks. Campers must wash hands with soap and water or sanitize hands before and after eating.

CAMP PLAYLAND IS A "PEANUT / NUT SENSITIVE" ENVIRONMENT - There are children throughout the camp with peanut and nut allergies. Campers and counselors should not bring peanut butter or other peanut/nut products to camp. For everyone's safety and because peanut/nut products are found in so many food items, campers will not be allowed to share food. All food that we provide is peanut and nut free.

PARENT VISITATION – This summer Camp Playland is closed to visitors. Our effort is to minimize contact with anyone outside of the immediate camp community. Parents will be stopped at the entrance to camp. We will bring campers to parents. Communication between parents, camp directors, and head counselors will be very fluid. More so than ever we will be responsive to questions and concerns. Parents and Camp Playland will partner to create a healthy, fun and instructional summer for campers and counselors.

TRANSPORTATION, PICK-UP & DROP-OFF



BUS TRANSPORTATION – Transportation is provided in much of Fairfield and Westchester Counties. [Please visit our website](#) to learn about transportation to/from your town. All Playland buses have seatbelts and are driven by professional drivers.

Campers who ride the bus will be part of a “Bus Group”. This is a second cohort for your camper, in addition to their group at camp. Please be aware that by joining a second group, chances of having to quarantine increase.

At least one Camp Playland counselor will be assigned to each bus as a bus counselor. The following protocols will be in place to mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID-19.

- Total bus capacity will be reduced.
- Campers will have assigned seats.
- Campers may only share a seat with a sibling or campers from their camp group.
- All campers and counselors will be required to wear masks on the bus. Camp will have disposable masks available.
- Windows will be open on the bus, even if this negates A/C effectiveness.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily.

PARENT TRANSPORTATION – Many families are interested in providing their own transportation this summer. While this may not be the most convenient option, this does significantly reduce your child's risk to quarantine. Parents may drop off between 9:00am-9:30am and pick up between 4:00pm-4:20pm. Pre-K Short Day pick up is at 2:00pm. Staff will direct you to drop off and pick up locations. Please be patient and drive slowly on the Playland campus.

EARLY DROP-OFF / LATE PICK-UP – In an effort to not mix groups of campers, we are not able to offer formal early drop-off or late pick-up programs this summer. If you are in need of extended care, please contact camp and we will do our best to help.

HEALTH SCREENINGS – Prior to coming to camp each day parents/guardians must check their camper(s) temperature and assess their camper(s) general health. Campers or counselors with a temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or showing other symptoms will not be permitted to attend camp that day. Whether boarding a bus or arriving at camp via drop off, parents/guardians will be asked to answer a brief health questionnaire.

QUARANTINING / REFUND POLICY

Campers / counselors may be asked to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19. If the health department directs the quarantine of a specific camp group(s), Camp Playland will issue a refund / credit for days missed.

Refunds / credits do not apply to families instructed or choosing to quarantine due to household exposure / suspected exposure (i.e. siblings in other summer programs, contact with friends/neighbors outside of camp, parent exposed at work, etc.), or if a household member tests positive, thereby necessitating that their child remain in quarantine.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SENIOR TRIPS – Rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders will leave campus for trips every Thursday. These trips will be to outdoor, private locations only. Campers/counselors will not interact with non-Camp Playland groups. Trip schedule coming soon.

PACKING LIST – [An up to date packing list is posted on the camp website.](#)

TIPPING POLICY – **CAMP PLAYLAND HAS A NO TIPPING POLICY.**

HEALTH FORMS – A current health form for each camper is required. Health forms must be completed and signed by your pediatrician. Health forms are valid for three years from date of last examination. If we have a current form on file from last summer, we will forward it to this summer. Health forms must be on file *PRIOR TO YOUR CHILD(REN)'S FIRST DAY OF CAMP*. [Blank health forms can be found on our website.](#)

MEDICATION to be dispensed by the camp nurse and / or stored in the nurse's office must be in the original prescription bottle or box and must be accompanied by a doctor's authorization signed by both the doctor and parent. This includes Epipens™. ["Authorization for the Administration of Medication by Camp Personnel" forms are on our website](#) and must be current within 12 months. This form needs to be returned *only* if the camp is to dispense medication to your child. If you have medicine to be left with the camp nurse, please arrange a time prior to your first day of camp to drop off the medicine. Campers may not carry medication with them.

BIRTHDAYS – Campers who celebrate summer birthdays will be recognized on their special day. Parents should not send or bring in snacks or goody bags to celebrate a birthday or any other occasion.

ATTENDANCE – If your child will be absent, arriving late, or picked up early, **please contact the camp at 203-966-2937 or info@campplayland.com.**

CAMPER/FAMILY INFORMATION – You may update your contact information, emergency contact information and special notes about your camper through our website, www.campplaylandofnewcanaan.com. Click on "[FAMILY LOGIN](#)" (top bar). If you have trouble logging in, please call or email camp.

SCHEDULES – Group schedules will be posted on the camp website in early June.

PHOTOGRAPHS – A Camp Playland counselor will take many photos every day. These will be posted at **campplayland.smugmug.com**. The password is **summerfun!** (don't forget the exclamation point). You may communicate directly with the camp photographer - photographer@campplayland.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Weekly special events are planned throughout the summer. [A calendar of special happenings is posted on our website.](#)

STAFF HANDBOOK – We are very proud of our professional, mature and nurturing counselors. We have protocols in place to ensure a safe environment for campers and staff. Our staff handbook will be posted alongside the staff roster in early June.

PEDICULOSIS – Head lice is a nuisance but not a medical issue. Please diligently check your camper for head lice before the start of camp. If you find lice, please notify the camp so that we may alert other families to check heads. Any person with head lice will be sent home to be treated with a medicated shampoo.

**Get ready for the best summer ever!
Catch the spirit!!!**