



Summer Camp Program Update COVID-19 Response

May 2020

Dear Parents,

The goal of the Frankfort Park Districts Summer Day Camp program is to provide a safe and quality environment for participants who need childcare. For the 2020 Day Camp Program, the Frankfort Park District has been given the challenging task of creating a summer program while maintaining the safety guidelines provided by local government and health officials, including the Illinois Department of Health Professionals and the Center for Disease Control.

To ensure the quality of the programs, including safety and staffing needs, it is necessary for the Park District to make changes to the day camp program. The traditional program including swimming and field trips will not allow for the new safety regulations to be possible. As complicated as this process will be, we are prepared to make adaptations to our day camp program to help meet the needs of our working community.

The changes being made are needed to ensure the day camp program is following safety guidelines in accordance with the CDC and the IDPH. We will need help from Parents/Guardians to make sure these procedures are being met.

Safety Guidelines for Day Camp 2020:

Arrival/Departure Procedures:

- Before arrival, parents must do a health screening on their own child and be on the alert for any symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.) and keep children home if showing signs of COVID-19. Please take child's temperature daily. Staff members will also conduct their own screening.
- Staff will greet children outside as they arrive while keeping a 6-foot distance.
 - Parents will be given a large name card to be placed in their window/windshield at arrival/pick up.
 - Parents/Guardian and other guests will not be allowed in the building, unless there is an emergency.
 - A designated staff member will walk children to their camp area, and at the end of the day, walk them back to their cars.
 - Staff should discourage congregation at arrival/pick up.
- If possible, the same parent or designated person should drop off and pick up their child every day. Avoid designating those at high risk such as elderly grandparents who are over 65 years of age.
- Campers will need to bring their own hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will also be available at the entrance of the facility. Staff will provide guidance for the use of hand sanitizer (containing 60% alcohol) upon arrival and departure each day. Hand washing with soap and water as well as the use of hand sanitizer will be practiced frequently throughout the day.

It is important for families to self-monitor campers prior to attending camp. Please have your child stay home under the following conditions:

- If campers are sick.
- A temperature of 100.4°F or above will not be allowed at camp
- Signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and low-grade fever;
- In the previous 14 days has had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19; is under investigation for COVID-19; or is ill with a respiratory illness



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COVID-19 Safety Procedures & Guidance:

- Space for children will be structured in a way that allows for social distancing guidelines. Campers will be divided into groups of 10 having the same group of children stay with the same staff. There will be no mixing between groups. Each group of 10 will use the same classroom throughout the day. Siblings will be kept together in the same group.
- Masks must be worn by campers and staff when social distancing is not possible. Parents will have to provide their children with a clean mask daily. **If a child forgets their face mask, a disposable mask will be provided by staff for a charge of \$5.** The fee will be collected when the parent/guardian picks up the child at the end of the day.
- Campers and staff will be expected to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after each game or activity. Staff will continuously reinforce proper hand washing, use of hand sanitizer and covering coughs and sneezes with campers.
- Social distancing will be encouraged (6-feet apart). Campers and staff will refrain from hand shaking, touching or hugging.
- Camp staff will be cleaning and sanitizing camp areas frequently including tables, countertop surfaces, toys, games, door handles, etc.
- Campers who are not feeling well during camp, will be quarantined in a designated area and must be picked up from camp immediately. Parents should be available to pick up in a timely manner.
- Children will bring a supply box in addition to other general camp supplies (see Parent handbook), which should include, crayons markers, pencils and a glue bottle.
- Field Trips and outings to areas with large crowds will not be permitted.
- Your child should bring **spray sunscreen** to camp instead of lotion, if assistance is needed with application.

Please Note:

- ❖ ***We recommend that children with underlying health conditions (asthma, allergies, autoimmune disorders, et.) consult their family physician before entering camp.***

Day Camp Activities:

- Camp activities will consist of weekly themes (*Summer Kick Off, Great Outdoors, Superheroes, Under the Sea, Holiday Fun, Weird Science & Campers Got Talent*). Each day will include arts & crafts, group games, virtual tours, walking excursions, etc.

This approach to camp is a new challenge for the Frankfort Park District and changes to new safety measures may be made as we work through this process. We realize the risks that are involved as should any participant signing up for the Day Camp Program. The guidelines set by local health officials will be taken seriously, but there must be some flexibility to these procedures as it will be a learning process for everyone involved.

Sincerely,

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