

Summer Camp Update 5/21/20

Thank you for your patience. We have been busy figuring out how summer camp will work under our new guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health. I hope to be able to answer many of your questions in this email.

Many of these new guidelines are directly from the ODH and Responsible Protocol for Youth Day Camps in Ohio.

Group Sizes & Limitations

Our day camp groups will be groups of 10. This group will be made up of one camp counselor, one teen camper (13-15 yrs of age) and 8 campers. Your child's group will be 'paired' up with another group of 10. Our new guidelines only permit 10 people in a 'room' but a larger room can be divided into two rooms to accommodate two groups. We are blessed at Kids First with A LOT of space so we have made some modifications to some our rooms to divide them into two smaller 'rooms.' This allows us to have two groups in the room and playing games at one time. We prefer this in order to have a backup counselor 'nearby' for safety. These groups will not mix for activities. Each group will travel through the day with their same 'paired' group.

Your child's group of 10 will not 'co-mingle' with any other camp groups throughout the day aside from their 'traveling group' of 10. This will help to limit virus exposure and cross-contact.

Capacities

With the new room limitations and space being finite, we do have capacities for summer camp this year. We have not had this ever in our past, so we do expect to fill up. We have a limited number of full time and part time spots each week. Once those fill up, we will begin a waiting list. This capacity is about half of what our typical summer camp weeks have been in previous summers.

Wellness Checks and Positive Test Policy

Under the new guidelines, we will temperature screen all employees and campers upon arrival to camp each day. Any employee with a fever over 100° will be sent home. Any camper with a fever over 100° will also be sent home. Our employees can return after they have been fever free without the use of medication for 72 hours. Campers may return to camp after they have been fever free without the use of medication for 24 hours. We do not credit for sickness as we have limited capacities and are staffed for small groups and have tight ratios.

If we have a positive Covid exposure in camp, we will notify all campers within the exposed group. Since we should not have any close contact between other groups at camp, this exposure should be limited to a group of 10. Those who have had close contact to a positive result will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. If that happens, we will credit back to your account for missed days of camp. We will notify the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services as we are a registered day camp and contact our local health department for guidance on deep cleaning and communications. We will defer to the health department on any necessary protocols.

Cleaning/Sanitization Protocol

Upon arrival, campers will be asked to wash their hands for 20 seconds each day. We will be cleaning any shared materials (balls, mats, craft supplies, etc.) between groups. Campers will wash hands or sanitize several times per day (in the morning, before lunch, after lunch and before departure). Kids First will staff several

floaters staff members whose main responsibility is cleaning/sanitizing larger areas of activity between groups like our gymnastics areas, bathrooms, lunch areas, playground, etc.

So... will there be fun stuff still at camp?

YES! I wanted to get across all the new guidelines and protocols before addressing what summer camp should be... FUN! We obviously will not be able to do all of our planned activities, but our leadership team is hard at work putting together new and fun activities, games, crafts and in-house visitors for our summer campers. Not to mention, you chose one of the best facilities in the world for camp! With the loss of summer field trips, we have been busy scheduling activities that many other summer camps can't offer this summer like basketball classes, soccer, art classes, volleyball, yoga, gymnastics and a brand new ninja warrior academy.

With the evidence from the CDC that Covid-19 cannot spread in pools or water play areas, we are confident in being able to swim at our facility this summer. We plan to swim Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and slip-n-slide on Thursday and Friday. The slip-n-slide will be disinfected between groups.

We will still have a camper favorite Kona Ice every Friday! Arts and crafts will be provided by Abrakadoodle art classes which is brand new for this summer. With themed games and activities each week along with swimming, gymnastics, ninja, soccer, arts and crafts, Zumba classes and more, we are still planning a summer of fun!

Lunch will still be provided by Kids First with a lunch menu being made available next week! We plan on having Pizza Mondays and Chick-Fil-A Fridays again with meals made in-house by our cafe Tuesday-Thursday. You can always pack a lunch for a savings of \$5 per day. All employees and campers will wash hands before lunch. Kids First staff members will be wearing gloves as they plate lunch and serve to campers at their respective lunch tables to avoid any cross-contact between groups.

We will remain as flexible as we can and as we always have for summer camp. Billing is run each Thursday on the week before. Any changes to your camp schedule need to be submitted by the Wednesday before each week to Alex Elma. Our Assistant Camp Director, Alex, will be running all payments and is the point of contact for camp changes, cancellations. He can be reached at aelma@kidsfirstsports.com. Our Camp Administrator, Jenn Ramage, handles all scheduled activities day to day, staffing, medications, forms, etc. and can be contacted with any questions you may have about camp. She can be reached at jramage@kidsfirstsports.com.

If you've made it this far, thank you. We certainly are looking at a different camp than we've ever run before but we know that it's important for each child we serve and each family we come in contact with to make it the best experience it can be for you. As we are bringing in our staff members and preparing for camp to start in June, these are the things we are talking about: making kids and families happy, creating memories and keeping everyone safe. We hope that you will join us this summer, but also understand if you need to make alternative arrangements or changes to your schedule. If this summer isn't the right time for your family and your child to attend Camp-A-Palooza, we hope that you will consider us again in the future to serve your family.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We will be in contact soon with more details for the first week regarding drop off and pick up details, forms, etc. Thank you for your trust in us.