



SUMMER DAY CAMP UPDATE

The City of Alpharetta Recreation Services Division has been working diligently to prepare for our summer camps. Meeting the needs of our community while emphasizing safety and meeting CDC and Governor's guidelines is of the highest priority during the COVID19 pandemic.

The Recreation Services Division will be moving forward with plans to offer Wills Park Summer Day Camp, MVP Zone Sports Camp and Camp Happy Hearts.

When camp begins, our staff will be prepared to follow the CDC and Governor's guidelines. It is important you read the information in this document so that there is clear understanding of what is expected of both parents and campers, as well as what you can expect from staff at your child's camp.

Q: How are we **structuring camps** to follow the guidelines set by the CDC and the Governor's orders?

A: Staff has been working diligently to structure camps and programs to ensure maximum safety and follow the required guidelines by implementing the following:

1. Camp sizes will be limited: the maximum number of participants in Wills Park Day Camp and MVP Zone Sports have been reduced to accommodate distancing of groups.
2. Field trips have been cancelled. Guests/activities will be brought in to take the place of those field trips.
3. Camper groups will be 20 persons or less, no intermingling of groups and no large group activities. Campers will stay with their group for the duration of the camp week.
4. The majority of the day will be spent outside, with activity rotations allowing the children to cool off on hot days. Should inclement weather occur, campers will be brought to the gyms and spaced accordingly to ensure appropriate distancing from other groups.
5. Lunch time will be held in different areas throughout the park, with smaller groups or a rotation of times allowing children to spread out.
6. While utilizing park areas, counselors will take into account the public use first to ensure proper social distancing. This will pertain the playgrounds and field use.

Q: What **safety precautions/practices** are in place to ensure campers' safety?

A: Each facility has safety protocols and practices in place to ensure the safety of all who enter the facility. The following are in place for camps:

1. Screening will occur each day at drop-off. No-touch thermometers will be used to check the temperatures of all occupants in the drop-off vehicle before the camper

- exits. If any occupant has a temperature of 100.4 or higher (CDC guidelines), the camper will not be allowed to attend camp. Pertinent questions will be asked each Monday of parents to ensure they or their children have not recently been exposed to anyone with COVID19.
2. Staff is trained to identify the symptoms of illness in campers.
 3. Each group will be provided with sanitation supplies and staff will educate each child to assist in this process.
 4. Sanitizing, cleaning of supplies and shared areas will increase according to the facility maintenance plan and safety protocols in place at each facility.
 5. Hand washing stations will be available in and around the facilities. Children will be required to wash their hands throughout the day, especially during restroom, snack and lunch breaks. All campers will be expected to practice proper hand washing techniques.

Q: What happens if a **child gets sick** at camp?

A: The following protocol will be followed:

1. If a child presents with a temperature of 100.4 or higher, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell at any time at Summer Camp, they will be given a mask to wear, be immediately separated from the group and placed in an isolated area with a staff member until they are picked up by the parent/guardian.
2. A sick child must be picked up by the parent/guardian or emergency contact within 30 minutes of staff's phone call.
3. The camper is prevented from returning to camp until they have either had a negative COVID19 test or have been fever/fever medication free for 72 hours, other symptoms have improved, and at least ten (10) days have passed since symptoms have first appeared.
4. Children will still be sent home as they would for any other illness, such as vomiting, pink eye, lice, etc.
5. If a camper in your child's group falls ill with COVID19-like symptoms or is diagnosed with COVID19, staff will immediately notify parents in that group.

Q: How are you **monitoring the public** coming in and out of your facilities?

A: We will be screening all persons, including staff, who enter our facilities. If anyone has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they will not be allowed in the building. For classes, all instructors will be screening participants as well.

Q. Will campers **be swimming** at Wills Park Pool this summer?

A. Yes we will! Swimming will begin June 8th, Week 2 of camp (Week 1 will have a fun water day!). According to the CDC, the chemical levels in pool water kill the COVID19 virus, just as it does all other viruses and bacteria. Aquatics staff is trained to follow protocols and a facility maintenance plan will be followed daily.

Campers, in their groups, will enter through the side gates in order to keep amount people going through the lobby to a minimum. The pool is reducing its maximum capacity to accommodate for distancing and factoring camper numbers into that maximum capacity total during the time they are there. Camper expectations are:

1. Follow all posted pool rules
2. Follow the counselor's directions
3. Do not share towels.
4. Come dressed ready to swim on swim days. There will be no changing at the pool; campers will walk back to their facility and change there.
5. The concession stand will be open for food purchases; remind your child not to share their snacks.

Q: What are **my responsibilities as a parent** sending my child to camp?

A: Parents' responsibilities are as follows:

1. Talk to your child about proper handwashing/sanitizing techniques and practices, covering coughs and sneezes and not sharing water bottles or food.
2. Remind your child to remain in their groups and follow their counselors' directions.
3. You may provide your child with hand sanitizer and masks if you wish. Counselors will have hand sanitizer if needed.
4. Children may wear masks, but it is not required. Staff will not be responsible for monitoring children when it pertains to mask wearing.
5. Do not allow toys or items from home other than the items needed for camp.
6. Reminder that camp has a "NO CELL PHONE" policy. If a phone is discovered at camp, it will be held by the director in the camp office until the end of the day and returned to the parent upon pick-up. Camp numbers will be provided for parents to call if needed; if a child needs to make a call, the camp director will provide means for doing so.
7. Drop-off and pick-up will strictly be drive-thru; **no walk-ins will be allowed**. Stay in line and **do not exit** your vehicle. Staff will check the occupants' temperatures and if all occupants are below 100.4, the camper(s) will be allowed to exit the car and directed to their group area. Staff will check in curbside until 9:15am. If you arrive after that time, you will need to call the facility number (See below) and wait in your car for staff to assess your occupants. **DO NOT WALK YOUR CHILD INTO THE FACILITY.**

8. The most important responsibility for parents is ***do not send your child to camp if they are sick***. Know the symptoms of COVID19 and if you, a family member or your child is presenting with the symptoms listed above or other flu-type symptoms, keep them home. If they are home sick, the return criteria stated above must be adhered to. If your child falls ill on the weekend after camp, you must inform the Camp Supervisor immediately. This is crucial to keeping our camp healthy and it is the responsibility of the parent to keep not only your child safe, but other children and staff safe as well by keeping sick children home.

Please keep in mind that this situation is ever-changing and we will do our best to adjust as needs and demands change for our campers and staff. Safety is our number one priority! We want your child to have a safe experience at camp and get back to feeling that sense of summer, friendship and fun!

Important contact information:

Late drop-off:

Wills Park Day Camp	678-297-6100
MVP Zone Sports Camp	678-297-6130
Camp Happy Hearts	470-390-5240

Camp Supervisors:

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