

Camp Stratford

Frequently Asked Questions:

QUESTION: will you/the counselors help the younger campers with sunscreen reapplication at lunchtime?

Answer- Yes- all campers, regardless of age are required to have their sunblock reapplied after lunch and before they go into the pool by a counselor. You will be responsible for supplying camp with a well labeled (With your child's name) spray sunblock that will be stored at camp. When your sunblock is running low you will be informed. We will not be allowing lotion sunblock this year- unless you provide a doctor's note. We also will not be applying sunblock in the morning at drop off. Please be sure to lather your kids up really well before arriving to camp. Both of these procedures are in line with our COVID 19 policy to reduce the amount of counselor/camper contact. We will only reapply sunblock after lunch, unless specifically asked by a parent to reapply more than that. We, of course, will reapply as needed- if we notice a child looks like they are getting red. But we will only have one set time during the day in which all the kids will be required to be reapplied. PM only campers need to arrive at camp with sunblock already applied and should keep a well labeled spray sunblock in their camp bag in case they need more throughout the afternoon.

Face Stick sunblock- if your child is uncomfortable using spray sunblock on their face, you may provide a face stick. This will also be well labeled with your child's name and stored at camp.

QUESTION: What About Bug Spray?

Campers are free to keep bug spray in their bag as well. If they would like to apply their bug spray, a counselor will do it for them. We will not be collecting and storing bug spray at camp.

QUESTION: Do the kids wear their bathing suits to camp everyday and bring a change of clothes?

The kids can wear whatever they feel comfortable with to camp. You will need to put sunblock on them before drop off, so if they do decide to not wear their suits to camp, just be sure to lather them up well like they were wearing their suits. They can get changed in and out of their bathing suits at any time during the day. So if they come without their suits on, but we decide to play in the sprinkler or in the baby pool they can always get changed. Half day PM campers should arrive with sunblock on and in their swimsuits... they are always super anxious to get in the pool!

QUESTION: Are frequently touched surfaces, like picnic tables or tables that the kids sit at cleaned? If so, how frequently?

Answer: We will be spraying the tables and high touch surfaces with the CDC recommended cleaner. There will be several spray bottles and cleaning materials hung daily (out of child reach) by the tables. Counselors will be expected to clean after each activity.

QUESTION: Do the kids use hand sanitizer before eating? Do we have to supply our own?

Answer: We will have a designated "wash area". Every camper will be required to wash their hands with soap and water before eating. We will also have hand sanitizer stations handy at the "campsite" and around the grounds. If you choose to send in hand sanitizer with your

children you may. However, it will not be required for all campers to carry their own sanitizer, because for some kids this could become more hazardous than helpful. Campers will be encouraged to sanitize their hands frequently.

QUESTION: How do you determine what part of the pool the kids can swim in (shallow end vs deep end)? Do they take a swim test and get a band? If the kids need a life vest, do we bring our own?

Answer: All the kids are permitted in the shallow end. If they wish to go to the deeper end or the "well" (where the diving boards are), they will need to take the band test with the lifeguarding staff. If they feel ready to take the band test they will tell one of the counselors and we will set them up with a lifeguard. The counselors are required to be in the pool at all times with the non-swimmers. The "band swimmers" will also be supervised by counselors and lifeguards. If you would like your child to wear a life vest, then you should provide one for them. This will need to be brought home every day, and should be clearly labeled with his/her name. However, more times than not, the younger kids start camp with a lifevest and quickly take it off within the first week or two. It really is amazing to see how quick they become comfortable with the water with the constant exposure.

Question: What's the deal with the Sunblock rules/ procedures?

Answer: You will be providing a well labeled spray sunblock to be kept at camp, and you will be responsible for replacing this sunblock when empty. We will only reapply sunblock after lunch, unless you specifically request additional reapplications, or if we see that it is needed. Spray sunblock will be required, lotion will only be accepted if there is a doctor's note. When your child's sunblock is running low, you will be informed.

QUESTION: How many kids will be assigned per counselor?

Answer: State mandates that Youth Camps keep their ratios to 1 adult, 1 counselor: 20 campers. We will be keeping our ratio to no more than 8 campers to 1 counselor. I tend to over-staff rather than under-staff- because your child's safety is my NUMBER 1 CONCERN.

QUESTION: Are there restrictions on the food we are allowed to pack:

ANSWER- As of right now, We will be encouraging campers to pack peanut/ treenut free foods due to allergy awareness. Please keep this in mind when packing your child's lunches and snacks. This is subject to change based on our camper needs.

QUESTION: How does lunch time/Snack time work?:

ANSWER- You will provide all lunch and snacks/ money for the snack bar. We will be having an AM snack time, Lunch, and a PM snack time. Please pack your child's AM snack separately from their lunch, and make sure it is something that is not temperature sensitive. Please save those yogurts for their lunchboxes, which can be stored in the fridge. Campers will not be permitted to go into their lunchboxes to get their snacks in the morning. After lunch, lunchboxes will be placed back into their camp bags, so a PM snack can be packed however you would like. Many kids enjoy the experience of "buying" their snacks and drinks from the snack bar. Please know that any drink left unattended will be immediately disposed of. PM only campers should eat lunch before coming to camp. They should also pack a snack for the afternoon.

QUESTION: What about Water and drink procedures?:

ANSWER: The children will not be permitted to have disposable clear water bottles as their "all-day bottle". We are requiring that the kids all bring in a reusable, unique and well labeled water bottle... this is to cut down on the risk of others drinking from the wrong bottle. If you want

to freeze a labeled disposable bottle and put it in their bags so it's defrosted by the afternoon you can. They (or a counselor) will need to pour that water into their reusable bottles. Same goes for gatorades and power drinks. We would like to strongly discourage bringing soda to camp. Juices like capri-sun etc can be packed for lunch, but will not be permitted to sit on the table past lunch time. Any drink left unidentified on the table will be disposed of. We also will not be having any kind of communal refill station. Please be sure to pack enough water for your camper everyday.

QUESTION: What is the Drop off/ Pick up procedure like?

- Parents will not be permitted to enter the "camp site" . When signing your kids in and out of camp, parents will need to wait by the front "sign in/sign out" table and a counselor will pack up your child and bring them to the table. Parents and Visitors to the camp are currently required to wear masks when signing in and out of camp, unless mask endangers your health. Temperatures of each camper may also be taken at the sign in table at drop off. (Dependent to change based off of the NJ Department of Health Requirements)

QUESTION: What if my child leaves something at camp?

ANSWER: Label EVERYTHING!!! Campers who are not "Late Stay" will be required to begin packing up their belongings and cleaning up the "campsite" at 3:30. Once packed up they will be allowed to continue to play. Please stress to your camper the importance of keeping themselves organized throughout the day. Camp staff will do their absolute best to help as well. If you realize your camper is missing something shortly after you leave, please contact us as soon as possible. If we happen to see something that is clearly labeled we will put it aside for you. If something is not clearly labeled and we do not know who it belongs to, it may be disposed of.

QUESTION: What if I am running late to pick my child up?

ANSWER: How Late is the question... 10 minutes... is not a big deal. Someone will be there with the campers everyday until the last camper gets picked up. Please do not worry that we will leave your child unattended. If there is an emergency and you are running past 6:00, please contact us and we will help make arrangements as necessary. However, there is a late charge.

QUESTION: Can my child bring things (toys, books, tablets etc...) from home?

ANSWER: Everything that is brought from home is a "Bring at your own Risk". Please be aware that it may get sandy, wet, broken, or lost.

Question: How does the swim/dive team practice work with summer camp?

Answer: In order to participate in the Swim team you will need to be "club members" due to insurance reasons. Swim team practice will vary from times between 9am and 12pm. If you wish to sign up for swim team, please visit the Stratford Swim Club Website for further details. When it is time for their age group to practice, we would simply send those kids down to the pool for the hour for their practice. When practice is over, they would come back up to the campsite.

Question: Will my camper need to wear a mask?

Answer: State guidelines encourage masks to be worn when it does not endanger the health of the individual. It specifically states that masks should not be worn in extreme heat. Therefore, campers will not be required to wear masks. Please pack about 3 disposable masks in your

camper's bag in case they become sick, or if social distancing is not available in the event of inclement weather.