



# Parks, Arts & Recreation

## SUMMER CAMP 2020 – COVID-19 RESPONSE DETAILS

Parents and Guardians, thank you for trusting Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation to provide the care and supervision for your child. We are committed to following up to date guidelines to give your camper and our staff the best odds of a healthy and well summer. Below are several areas we felt important to communicate, or you indicated to us were important. Please recognize that families are approaching the COVID-19 response with different levels of concern. We hope we can find the proper balance to give everyone a great experience while following the constantly evolving guidance.

You will note that camps will have a decidedly different feel. Field trips and transportation have become limited options for us in all phases of recovery expected during the summer. Social and Physical distancing will change traditional camp activities. And the health and wellness of campers, parents/caregivers and staff will be in the front of our minds. That does not mean we will sit inside all summer (Specialty Camps at The Olympia Center notwithstanding). We will use the outdoors on site or nearby like no other year. We will explore the neighboring areas of our camp sites when safe to do so. And we will look for opportunities to bring entertainers to our sites. It will be different, and not ideal. We are ready to learn and evolve as the summer progresses.

Following is a list of other modifications either required or planned. This document will continue to be updated as new guidance is shared through Washington State and Thurston County Health.

### Camp Sizes and Staff:Camper Ratios

Camp Olywahoo and Sports for Life Camps will host no more than 40 campers on site. Current maximum group size allowed for camps is 22 (including staff). Smaller groups may be combined to allow for maximum groups, but once established these groups will not cross over during the week. All other specialty camps will have a maximum of 20 campers. Our staff to camper ratio is between 1:5 and 1:15 depending on the type of camp and age group.

### Social Distancing Provisions

Larger camps will be divided into small groups and may be paired with another small group to total no more than 22 campers and staff per group. Those camps will be grouped mostly by age, but we will take requests for each child to have at least one "buddy" in their group. Some specialty camps with contracted instructors (such as Art for Kids School) held at The Olympia Center or privately-owned facilities may have 15 campers with one staff member. Groups will stay the same throughout the week. Each group will have their own room and will access other areas of the facility (such as outdoors, play sheds, gym space, etc.) without contact with other camp groups. Large spaces (such as gymnasiums) may host two groups, with a drop curtain or cones to keep groups separate. Outside spaces will be divided into designated areas for each group for times when all groups are outdoors at the same time.

### Shared Use and Playground Policies

Campers are welcome to provide their own craft supplies and other daily use items. Each camper will have a safe place to store their belongings during the week. Health guidance strongly recommends limiting the sharing of equipment of any kind, so activities will be modified to meet this requirement while maintaining social distancing. Sharing of sports equipment within established groups is permitted as current Phase requirements are followed. Campers may use play structures when property owners allow it.

### Reading and Other Education Opportunities

For "full day" camps, we won't be able to do certain activities that have always been camp staples, so breaking out some math flash cards or other fun educational games will be included. Reading time will definitely happen (usually 30 minutes per day), but instead of the connect boxes from the library it will be a bring your own book situation. We always do some pretty fun science experiments during the summer, and we may end up doing more of those this year as well.

## Health Assessments

Parents/caregivers will be required to verify at daily drop-off that their child does not have any concerning symptoms and/or has not had a known exposure to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19. Verification questions will be as recommended by the Washington State Department of Health and will be available a week before camps begin.

Beginning August 3, we will be using a scan thermometer to take camper temperatures for the following camps: Olywahoo, Specialty (at Olympia Center), Tween, Sports for Life, Mini-camps, Outdoor, and SKIPP. Campers with a temperature reading of 100.4 or greater will not be allowed to attend camp that day. To return to camp, the camper must follow these guidelines:

At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;

AND

- At least 10 days have passed since signs first showed up.

OR

- It has been at least 24 hours since recovery AND a health care professional provides a note that the camper does not have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and may return to care.

## Drop off/Pick Up

Each camp will have a designated area for drop-off and pick-up where we can provide enough space for physical distancing between families checking in (at least 6 feet apart while waiting to check in). In most cases, this will mean a covered area outside. Parents/guardians will be required to use their own pen and we will have a partition between the adult and staff conducting check in/out.

Drop-off and pick-up times will be staggered by family name to reduce lines and congregating. Times will be suggested, as we know families have different work timelines. We believe those exceptions will balance each other out.

## Mask Requirements

Everyone who can wear a face covering should, so that we can get the most possible community protection. Staff and youth 5+ are required to wear a face covering at all times indoors. Youth aged 2-4 may wear cloth face coverings.

- Cloth face coverings should not be worn by:
  - Children younger than age 2 years.
  - Those with a disability that prevents them from comfortably wearing or removing a face covering.
  - Those with certain respiratory conditions or trouble breathing.
  - Those who are deaf or hard of hearing and use facial and mouth movements as part of communication.
  - Those advised by a medical, legal, or behavioral health professional that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to that person.
- Children and youth may use face shields as an alternative to a cloth face covering. If used, face shields should extend below the chin, to the ears, and have no gap at the forehead. A drape may offer more protection.
- Younger children must be supervised when wearing a cloth face covering and will need help putting them on, taking them off, and getting used to wearing them.
- Even if cloth face coverings are worn, it is important to continue to practice proper physical distancing.
- Children and youth may remove cloth face coverings to eat and drink and when they go outdoors for play, physical education, or other activities. Physical distancing measures should be maintained. For Sports Camps, campers may remove face coverings when indoors AND actively participating in drills and games. Face coverings should be worn while not actively participating and indoors.

## Field Trips and Other Transportation Items

At this time all field trips have been cancelled, unless they are walking distance from the camp site. We will continue to follow the evolution of recommendations from health specialists and will consider adding field trips later in the summer. We have developed options for Variety Camp and other select outdoor camps that would meet in various locations throughout the week. We realize this may not be convenient for all families, but also know some campers would prefer the variety of locations and parents may be willing to make this commitment.

## Lunch and Snack

Lunch times will be conducted within small groups, either in classrooms or staggered in the cafeteria, with a cleaning between each group. The City and Olympia School District have partnered to ensure lunches will be available at our Camp Olywahoo (Garfield, Lincoln and McKenny) and Sports Camp (Madison) sites. Campers may also bring their own sack lunch. No heating appliances will be available.

For all day specialty camps or camps where parents registered for both morning & afternoon camps that have lunchtime supervision, lunch will be in small groups. Campers must bring their own lunch.

Campers should bring their own morning and afternoon snacks and water bottles. The Summer Lunch Program noted above will also provide a daily afternoon snack at the sites listed.

## Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures

High touch surfaces will be sanitized regularly throughout the day by camp staff. At a minimum, sanitization will happen following daily check-in, after trips to the restrooms, before and after lunch, and whenever shared equipment is used. Cleaning products will meet the standards established by the CDC.

All areas used by the camp, including rooms, gyms, and restrooms will be provided with a deep cleaning following the conclusion of each day. Cleaning products will meet the standards established by the CDC.

## Communication Protocols for Camper/Staff Illness Related to COVID-19

**IMPORTANT:** When campers or staff show symptoms while at camp, we will directly communicate via email and at check in/check out with staff, families, and Thurston County Public Health **the same day**. Communication to families will include all campers that had common activities or occupied the same area during the day. You will likely hear from another family that they were contacted, but you were not. If that is the case, your child was not in common activities or shared areas. You are always welcome to follow up with staff for clarification. Because medical information is confidential, we will not share the names or other personal indemnifying information of those with suspected or confirmed cases.

If a child, youth or staff member develops signs of COVID-19, we will separate the person away from others, with supervision at a distance of 6 feet, until the sick person can leave. While waiting to leave the program, the individual with symptoms should wear a cloth face covering or mask if tolerated. After the person has left, we will air out and then clean and disinfect the areas the person was in.

The person with symptoms should follow [DOH guidance for what to do if you have symptoms for COVID-19 and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19](#). We will ask the camper's parent or caregiver, as well as our staff, to inform the program right away if the person is diagnosed with COVID-19.

If a child, youth or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, all members of the infected person's group in the program are considered a close contact and should self-quarantine for 14 days. Refer to "[What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with confirmed coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)?](#)".

Confirmed cases: Thurston County Public Health also requests that you contact them at 360-786-5470 to report confirmed cases. This gives them a head start on informing others that may also need to be quarantined or tested. The City will report both suspected and confirmed cases as well.

## Returning to a Program After Suspected Signs of COVID-19

A staff member, child, or youth who had signs of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can return to the program when:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery – defined as no fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory signs like cough and shortness of breath;  
*AND*
- At least 10 days have passed since signs first showed up.

## **Cancellations**

We expect that the regulations limiting our camp formats will lead some families to decide to not attend camp this summer. We respect that decision and understand why. For the sake of families that are relying on supervised care of their children, we ask that you make cancellation decisions as soon as possible. This will allow us the most time to adjust staffing and site locations if necessary.

An early decision to remove your child from camp can also help us if we have to reduce a camp size. In the event that camp numbers must be reduced to meet state guidance, we may have to cancel individual attendance for camps. Each camp will be reviewed individually and priority to remain in the camp will be based on first in/last out.

## **Camp Reschedules or Modified Offerings Later This Summer**

While we are open to adding sessions if the pandemic response changes, at this time we are committed to making sure those camps we are able to offer are done so safely and with the best quality we can provide our campers. If the opportunity presents itself and we have the proper staffing resources available, adding camps will be considered.

## **Summer Camp 2020 Will Be Like No Other**

That we can all count on. And together, staff and campers are going to make it awesome. How do we know? Because year in and year out, we have amazing, creative, patient and caring staff. And right next to them we have some of the greatest campers we could ask for. They love to be there, are eager to try new things, consistently listen to directions (especially related to safety) and are genuinely fantastic kids.

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