



Letter Regarding 2021 Camp Season

Dear Nature Adventures Camp Families,

We are hopeful that we will be able to operate a full camp program this summer. However, at this point we have not received any guidelines regarding specific restrictions. Rest assured that whatever protocols may or may not apply, as always your child's safety is our number one priority.

Below are the current policies for summer 2021. We will continue to update families about policies, changes and cancellations as they are received, and we are appreciative of your patience as we await additional guidance from the state and navigate these challenging times together.

CAMP POLICIES FOR 2021 SEASON

- **READ STATE GUIDELINES CAREFULLY:** It is expected that all parents who will be dropping off or picking up have read the Massachusetts guidelines and understand the expectations and requirements that must be put in place to keep our children safe.
- **PATIENCE AND KINDNESS ARE NEEDED:** We ask all parents and guardians to work with the staff to make this a great summer for our children at Camp.
- **LOWER ENROLLMENT NUMBERS:** Based on State guidelines, the South Shore YMCA may possibly reduce the enrollment numbers.
- **GROUPS OF 10 CAMPERS / 2 STAFF:** Until we are given different numbers for 2021, all groups will adhere to the 12 person per group limitation as mandated by the state.
- **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE:** With possible restrictions and capacity limits, availability for summer camp 2021 might be limited. When we reach our maximum capacity of campers, families are encouraged to join our waitlist. We will revisit these capacity numbers throughout the summer and will add slots if possible to do so.
- **EARLY DROP-OFF & LATE PICK-UP:** Like last year, we will be extending camp hours and canceling Early Drop-Off and Late Pick-Up.
- **CAMP TIME:** Camp will run daily from 8:30am-5pm.
 - Drop-Off: 8:30am-9:30am
 - Pick-Up: 12:00-12:30pm (1/2 day), 3:30-5:00pm (Full Day)
- **LUNCHES:** All Full Day campers are expected to bring a tree-nut and peanut free lunch.
- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** If you would like more information on Financial Assistance, please contact the Chris Jacobs, cjacobs@ssymca.org
- **FACE MASKS/COVERINGS:** If required, campers will be expected to bring multiple face masks to camp every day.
- **SANITIZATION STATIONS:** Once again, camp will be creating hand sanitation stations around camp at high usage areas for campers to have easy access to sanitation products.

- PERSONAL ITEMS: Campers must leave all shareable items [electronics, games, Pokemon cards, plushies, etc.] at home. Campers should come to camp with only essential items (bathing suit, towel, lunch, change of clothes).
- Physical/immunization records (from within the past 24 months) must be submitted before attending Camp.

Daily Health Screening Self-Certification:

All staff and campers will be expected to do a self-evaluation and self-certification prior to arriving at Camp. Parents will be asked each day to self-certify that they or their children are able to attend camp by answering “no” to the following questions:

- **Today or in the past 24 hours, have you or any household members had any of the following symptoms?**
 - Fever or chills?
 - Cough?
 - Sore throat?
 - Difficulty breathing?
 - Gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting)?
 - Abdominal pain?
 - Unexplained Rash?
 - Fatigue?
 - Headache? New loss of smell/taste?
 - New muscle aches?
 - Any other signs of illness?
- In the past 14 days, have you had close contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19?
- Campers/staff who demonstrate symptoms at drop off will be asked to go home for the day. We encourage anyone who has any possible symptoms to stay home for the day.



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