

# **Camp Friendship 2020**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**The health & safety of our families continues to be our top priority. We are adhering to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), State of Illinois & American Camp Association (ACA) recommendations when planning for this summer.**

### **What safety Checks will you be conducting each day?**

We will have cones spaced 6 ft apart at drop off. We will be taking everyone's temperature (children and adults) each morning as you enter the building. You will also be asked a series of health questions for your child (have they had a fever or any other COVID-19 symptoms in the last 24 hours, have they been in contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19, and have you given your child fever reducing medicine in the last 24 hours). We realize this will take extra time however it is necessary to keep everyone safe and healthy.

### **What steps will you take to make sure this is a safe environment?**

- Taking temperatures of children, adults and staff upon entry
- Confirming with each participant and staff member that they are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms and no recent contact with anyone known to have COVID-19.
- Require increased hand washing by all campers and staff
- Eliminate large group activities by reducing group size

--Campers will be divided into smaller groups 1 counselor: 10 campers per group. Each group will have a room that they will call home base.

--Plan activities that do not require close physical contact

--Segment large spaces (gym, multipurpose room) into multiple sections to maintain a 6 ft distance

--Maintain the same groups/counselors throughout the summer as much as possible

--At pick up, parents will have a number to text and we will walk your child out to your vehicle

--We will have a designated area for children if they become ill during the camp day. We will notify parents/guardian immediately so you can arrange pick up

--Arrange for increased cleaning and sanitizing of the building throughout the day, as well as nightly deep cleaning

### **What if the State of Illinois doesn't allow Summer Camps?**

At this time, the State of Illinois is allowing Summer Day Camps to open in Phase 4 of the reopening plan. We are hoping that will be sometime mid June. We are not collecting any payments at this time. As soon as we have an opening date I will notify all families that have sent me their registration forms and will include an invoice.

### **How Do I register my child for camp?**

Registration is first come, first served. You may mail or email your registration to Holly to hold your spot. We are not accepting payments at this time. We will send invoices once we have a start date.

## **Will the Campers be swimming this year?**

We will be following the guidelines put forth by the State of Illinois as far as swimming pools are concerned. At this time, the pool is closed.

## **What Does a Typical Camp Day Look Like?**

We will still have our Theme Weeks and will do activities that go along with the respective theme. A typical day looks like this:

9:00a.m. -9:30a.m.-Team Bonding

9:30a.m.-10:30a.m.-Physical Activity

10:30a.m.-11:20a.m.-Creative Activity

11:20a.m.-11:30a.m. Handwashing/Prepare for lunch

11:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Lunch

12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.-Quiet Time (reading/drawing/journaling/coloring)

1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. Brain Games & Activities

2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. Physical Activity

3:00p.m.-3:50p.m. Creative Activity

3:50p.m.-4:00p.m.-Handwashing/Prepare for Snack

4:00p.m.-4:30p.m. Snack

## **Can My Child Bring Electronics to Camp?**

No—Please leave all toys, games, weapons, and electronic equipment (Including Cell Phones) & any other valuables at home. These only serve as distractions that can lead to behavior problems or disappointment if the item is lost, stolen, or damaged.

(Books, Art Supplies, sketch books, journals, work sheets, summer classwork, are all appropriate to bring to camp)

### **Will Lunch & Snack Be Provided?**

We are again partnering with NIFB and they will provide lunch and snack each day for our campers. A menu will be available the first week of camp. If a child prefers to bring their own lunch and snack that is Ok- just remember not to send anything with any type of tree nut/peanuts.

### **Will you go on any Field Trips this summer?**

At this time, we are not planning any large group field trips. We may be able to do some walking trips that we can go to in our small groups of 10. (Cold Stone, Century Park)

### **Will there be a Camp Talent Show?**

We are unable to do any large group activities this summer. However, we can get creative. We are exploring some other options to still do the talent show this summer. Although, we may not be able to perform on a stage in front of the whole camp & our families, we may be able to video our performers on stage and put that on YouTube (private channel) so that each small group can enjoy and we can share with parents and families.

### **What if I only need 2-3 Days per week?**

Unfortunately, this summer we are unable to accommodate part-time schedules. We can only accept a maximum of 50 campers per week so are limiting to Full-Time Registrations Only.

