

Dear Parents, our Staff has been working hard to plan a Day Camp program that will adhere to the current State of CT guidelines. We will achieve this compliance through the use of a highly structured activity plan for the staff and campers to follow. Our objective is to run a camp that is fun for the campers but with the proper protocols in place to ensure a safe environment for your child and the staff.

We invite you to read below to learn more about this plan and use this information to decide if Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo is right for your child this summer. Due to strict staffing protocols, anyone who would like to cancel their child's camp registration without penalty must do so by Friday, June 5. Contact the Recreation Office at 860-658-3836 to cancel.

1. With regard to health screening:

All staff and children are required to be screened for any observable illness, including cough or respiratory distress, and to confirm temperature below 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Screening includes assessing health by taking temperature.

2. Staff or children who have a temperature greater than 100 degrees are not permitted into the program per Executive Order 7Q.

3. Camp Setup - Limit group size to no more than 10 children – This summer Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo will be broken into 6 “cohorts” each made up of 10 campers and two camp counselors which will be held on the upper ball fields at Memorial Park in separated and designated areas for each camp. Each group of 10 and their counselors will not be integrated with any other group during the camp day, although two groups will be using the pool at the same time in designated areas while safely distanced from each other. You will be checking in and picking up your child from the same place each day. If you have multiple children in camp, you will need to do multiple check-ins with the different groups.

5. Comply with the requirements listed in the Department of Economic Development Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employees per Executive Order 7V. – Our staff will be wearing masks when working with the campers. We will be doing our best to maintain proper social distancing measures throughout the camp day. There may be some activities where there are moments of less than ideal social distancing among campers and staff that can't be easily avoided, please be aware that we will be doing our best to minimize these interactions.

6. Use of cloth face covering for each employee at all times while in the workplace as directed by the Department of Economic Development Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employees per Executive Order 7BB. Instructions for use of cloth face covering are available from the CDC. Executive Order 7BB does not require the use of face masks by:

- anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition;
- a child in a child care setting;

7. Implement hand hygiene:

We are asking all campers to come to camp with an adequate supply of hand sanitizer each day (labeled with their name) just as they would with their own sunscreen. There will be some available at

each group's location if a camper forgets theirs or runs out during the day. Campers and Staff will be required to use hand sanitizer at the start and end of any group activity, before and after meal periods and after sneezing, coughing or nose blowing. Campers and Staff will be using hand washing stations in the Memorial Pool Bath House after using the restrooms and before leaving the pool.

All staff will cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or the corner of the elbow, and campers will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or the corner of the elbow. There will be immediate disposal of soiled tissues after use.

8. Develop protocols for intensified cleaning and disinfection. Our staff will be cleaning any shared equipment or common surfaces with disinfectant and/or cleaning wipes throughout the day. Restroom facilities will receive several cleanings throughout the day, with an intensive cleaning at the conclusion of each day.

9. If a child or staff member who has been present in the program is diagnosed with COVID-19, our program must notify families and staff of the program about the exposure.

In February 2020, COVID-19 was added to the List of Reportable Diseases. **Those required to report such diseases must report cases of COVID-19 infection immediately to the Connecticut Department of Public Health and to the local department of health in the town of residence of the case-patient by telephone on the day of recognition or strong suspicion of the disease.** The COVID-19 report form is available on the DPH website at <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/Covid/InitiateCovidReport>. Additional practices to those below may be recommended to the provider in consultation with the local health department or the CT Department of Public Health.

- Contact your local health department or the CT Department of Public Health.
- Determine the date of symptom onset for the child/staff member.
- Determine if the child/staff member attended/worked at the program while symptomatic or during the two days before symptoms began.
- Identify what days the child/staff member attended/worked during that time.
- Determine who had close contact with the child/staff member at the program during those days (staff and other children)
- Exclude the children and staff members who are determined to have had close contact with the affected child/staff member for 14 days after the last day they had contact with the affected child/staff member.
- Conduct appropriate cleaning and disinfection:
 - Close off areas used by the person who is sick
 - Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the areas.
 - Wait up to 24 hours or as long as possible before cleaning or disinfecting to allow respiratory droplets to settle before cleaning and disinfecting.
 - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, and common areas.
 - If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
 - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.

Depending on the size of the program and the number of people affected, closure of a particular room in the program (for larger programs) or the entire program might need to be considered. Specific situations and exposures can be discussed with the local health department or the Department of Public Health (860.509.7994).

10. Weather - In the event of rain or severe weather during the camp day, each cohort of campers and their counselors will relocate to a separate room within Central School. They will return to the outdoors when possible. If there is an all-day expected rain event, we will relocate the program to the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink. You will be notified by 7am at the latest if the camp has been moved to the Simsbury Farms location for the day, where the same protocols will be enforced.

11. Camp Swimming – We have planned for each camp group to have Swim time at Memorial Pool during the camp day. Two groups at a time will share the pool, separated by 2 empty lane lines while in the water. Each group will have a designated area, separate from the other group to put their belongings and sit on the pool deck. Please plan to send at least 2 swim suits and 2 towels with your child each to camp.

12. Field Trips – There will be no field trips or bussing of campers to alternate locations this summer.

We understand the decision to send your child to camp could be difficult for families. We have been in constant contact with the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood and the Farmington Valley Health District to be sure that we are in compliance with all mandated procedures and protocols. We have received clearance from these agencies to offer this camp under their protocols. We believe that we will be able to provide the campers with a fun, activity filled program in a safe environment for the campers and staff.

A detailed weekly activity plan and additional information will be sent out to all registered in camp, in the coming weeks.

If you have additional questions about the camp, please email John Thibeault jthibeault@simsbury-ct.gov or call the Recreation Office 860-658-3836

SAMPLE WEEK

Group 1:

8:30-8:45: Drop off on individual field

8:45-9:00: Gather lunches, morning hellos, ice breaker (name game, favorite color/game/sport, etc.)

9:00–9:30 Game

Monday: Detective

(Kids sit in a circle 6 feet apart from one another. One kid creates a pattern (clapping, snapping etc.) and everyone else follows. One kid is the detective trying to find the kid that creates the pattern. Must change pattern after a bit. Detective has 3 guesses.)

Tuesday: Freeze tag

Wednesday: Elves, giants, wizards

Thursday: Crab soccer

Friday: Counselor choice!

9:30-10:00: Snack & water

10:00-11:00: Arts & crafts (Craft depends on weekly theme)

11:00-11:30: Game

Monday: Obstacle course (Elbow bump to teammate)

Tuesday: Soccer ball tag

(Tagger has to kick the soccer ball at other player's feet. If the soccer ball touches someone's foot or leg, they are now the tagger.)

Wednesday: Scream runs

Thursday: Musical chairs using spots/floor markers

Friday: Counselor choice!

11:30-12:00: Lunch

12:00 -1:00: Free swim

1:00-2:00: Game

Monday: Relay races (Elbow bump to teammate)

Tuesday: Soccer

Wednesday: Kickball (Can only use feet, no hands or pitcher)

Thursday: Jump the bay

Friday: Counselor choice!

2:00-2:30: Afternoon snack & water

2:30-3:00: Game

Monday: Simon says competition

Tuesday: Yoga

Wednesday: Read aloud

Thursday: Scavenger hunt (Kids need to look for things in nature)

Friday: Counselor choice!

3:00-3:45: Free swim

4:00: Pick up