



Parent Welcome Letter

We are looking forward to a safe and fun summer!

FORMS (see attachment): Camper Data Forms must be filled out prior to the start of your child's first camp day. Please make sure the forms are filled out and are ready to be handed to the Camp Director on the first day.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PROCEDURE: The campsite will have a drive-through area for camp pick-up and drop-off. **PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR** and the Director of the camp will sign your child in and out from your car. If for any reason you have to get out of your vehicle, please pull forward into a parking spot and maintain social distancing. The sign-in procedure will include a "Symptom Checker". Campers who are experiencing any symptoms listed on the checklist will not be allowed to attend camp. **Authorized adults MUST SHOW ID at pick-up.**

Bikers & Walkers: If given permission, campers may bike or walk to camp. If doing so, parents must ensure their camper has passed the Symptom Checker. Bikers and walkers will have a designated sign-in area before joining their assigned camp group.

CAMP GROUPS: There will be two camp groups per camp with no more than 16 kids per group. Each group will have 2 trained camp counselors, with at least one camp counselor with a CPR certification. Groups will be divided by age and members of the same household will be paired with the same group.

FRIEND REQUESTS: We will do our very best to honor friend requests, but cannot make any guarantees. Friend requests must be received no later than the Friday before each camp session. The Camp Director will NOT honor friend requests on the first day of camp and after. Friend Requests can be sent to kstille@rfparks.com.

FACE MASKS (UPDATED 6-14-21): Please be sure to send at least two (2) face masks in a labeled bag.

Updated 6-14-21 in line with guidance from the Illinois Department of Education & the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

INDOORS

Face masks must be worn by ALL individuals when inside a River Forest Park District facility.

OUTDOORS

-Face Masks are **OPTIONAL** for all individuals when outdoors. We will continue to practice social distancing whenever possible.

SUNSCREEN: Camp will be outside for the majority of the day, so please apply sunscreen to your child *before* coming to camp. Counselors will re-apply the sunscreen if needed. Please send spray sunscreen only. Encourage your child to wear a hat for extra protection from the sun.

DRESS: Play clothes and *gym shoes with socks* are highly recommended (no sandals, flip flops or Crocs).

BRING: Only bring what is needed in a **labeled** backpack – insert the following smaller labeled bags within your child’s larger bag.

Bag Insert #1: **NUT-FREE** snack/lunch* and labeled water bottle (*Tot Campers only eat lunch at camp if they are registered for the Extended Lunch Bunch)

Bag Insert #2: 2 clean face masks

Bag Insert #3: Swim Gear - each camp will have a designated water day at Keystone Park.

Bag Insert #4 (if needed for Tot Campers): An extra change of clothes

Bag Insert #5 (if needed): Medications

****Please label all of you child’s belongings! ****

PARTICIPANT HEALTH GUIDELINES:

To ensure everyone’s safety and wellbeing we have set the following health guidelines for participants.

- Campers who are ill in any way should be kept at home. Do not send a child to camp with an active cold, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, or fever.
- A child should be fever free (without fever-reducing medicine) for 72 hours before returning to camp.
- If a child is prescribed an antibiotic, they need to be on the medicine for 24 hours to ensure they are no longer contagious.
- If your child becomes sick at camp, we will call the parent or the person you have designated as an alternate. The camper will need to be picked up within 30 minutes.
- If anyone in your household waiting for results from a COVID test, please keep your child home.

If your child has any COVID symptoms, do not send them to camp.

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR CAMPERS:

To give campers the best possible summer, we will provide clear, consistent, and reasonable rules and expectations and use positive and consistent guidance. If a child has repeated difficulty in obeying the rules, we will contact the parents. Multiple infractions may result in suspension.

Please read and discuss the **‘Give Me 10’ Safety & Behavioral Policy** included in the Camper Data Forms.

For more information, please view our website at <https://rfparks.com/summer-camps>

Looking forward to a great summer!

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