



## PRPS Virtual Roundtable August 4, 2020 Programming Discussion

Alicia Marziani: hello! Alicia from Malvern Borough. we cancelled all in person events until next year. we do plan on holding a lot virtual events and contests. I would love to hear what other townships are doing on social media to engage their community??

Terry Bauknight: We offered a drive in movie that had a great amount of community interest. Alas, it was rained out both nights.

Derek Muller: Outdoor program in Montgomery Twp as well. Keeping it simple is a fairly foreign concept to this Township, so it's been nice to teach everyone on staff how to just enjoy arts & crafts, sports, etc. and keep it low key. Kids and parents love it!

Derek Muller: For Fall, we'll be going week-by-week with no commitments to 3rd parties. In-house programming only. No brochure.

Devon Serena: We are in Allegheny County as well, which has limited outdoor gatherings to 50 versus the state 250. We want to plan more events, but have stalled, as the Allegheny County Health Department says they would shut us down if we planned our regular Community Day or 9-11 event. I'm trying to come up with some smaller month long community events to replace Community Day-- which has regularly been held in September.

Derek Muller: Right now, the program plan is a limited registration, the week before, simple programs. The activity will be decided weekly for each program category. About 1 hour programs. Tentatively, the schedule will be:

Tuesdays: Arts & Crafts

Wednesday: Sports Skills & Drills

Thursday: Performing Arts/Creative Writing

BK Koehler: COVID response from FDA - <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/what-do-if-you-have-covid-19-confirmed-positive-worker-or-workers-who-have-been-exposed-confirmed>

BK Koehler: COVID employee response resources gathered by SHRM - <https://www.shrm.org/ResourcesAndTools/tools-and-samples/exreq/Pages/Details.aspx?Erid=1560>

Devon Serena: We just finished a 7-week virtual summer rec program. We had 75 children sign up and pay \$25 for 'Rec On The Go' Bags that included things they would need to complete all of the summer activities. A lot of people did more of the videos at the beginning, but since we didn't get a lot of rainy days, families told us they would like to keep our page up so that they could continue to access the videos into the fall. We used Padlet as a way to reach families and post videos. <https://padlet.com/sptwprecreation/reconthego>

Devon Serena: We are cancelling our traditional indoor Halloween Party. Instead, we are planning a scarecrow walk. We are hoping families and local businesses will sponsor a scarecrow. We will use our largest park to set up a walk way with the scarecrows and other Halloween decorations. I'm going to release timed tickets -- 20 people per half hour-- for people to walk through. They can vote on their favorite scarecrow and then pick up take-home treats and craft kits. They can, of course, come in costume.

Niki Tourscher: Halloween Event Ideas - Drive Through Spooky Towns, Reverse Truck or Treat, Scare Prank Contest, Witch Hunt Scavenger Hunt, Haunted Trails, Carved Pumpkin Contest, Drive-thru Boo, Howl-o-Ween Dog Park event....

Rachel Kollasch-Therapeutic Recreation: I am from Harford County MD and am the Therapeutic Recreation Specialist for our department. I have been running virtual programs since the end of June. All of our in person programs have been cancelled for the time being. I am planning a virtual costume social for kids and adults.

Devon Serena: We aren't able to use our schools at all-- which led to the canceling of our in person summer rec. We've been told that our Rec Basketball won't happen this winter either because of the school not allowing outside groups in.

Kelsey Najdek: Carlisle Parks and Rec is curious if all program participants are signing a waiver or answering screening questions prior to participating?

Shawn Fertitta: Pittsburgh has a covid waiver

Mike Kukitz: Yes, we have a Covid waiver

Audrey Logar: Camp Hill Borough has a waiver for all programs and camps.

Nancy Opalka: all our participants are having temperature checks, and asked travel and contact questions daily. Waivers are signed

Niki Tourscher: Kelsey, from other feedback we've heard, yes most people are requiring waivers and some questions. Less are taking temperatures.

Derek Muller: Legality aside, be weary of the press/media who may take a rumor and run with it. Even if it's false information it can be an issue for you.

Kelsey Najdek: We'd love to see how other depts write them & question if asking screening questions if full time rec staff are screening or if you're putting that responsibility on your instructors. thanks!

Lauren Irizarry: This is a waiver that we used for camp

BK Koehler: A quick search of COVID litigation is currently focused on employee-related cases (suing employers for either not providing adequate PPE, not reporting positive cases, or for firing employees that got sick and needed to quarantine) - <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/covid-19-litigation-the-latest-58814/> ; <https://www.advisory.com/daily-briefing/2020/08/03/covid-lawsuits>

Derek Muller: Autumn Festival will be canceled officially after next week's meeting. Festivals are pretty explicitly prohibited according to the latest order/guideline from PA. I know we wouldn't be able to safely and effectively cap it at 250 people in a public park where people can honestly enter from all corners of the park.

Shawn Fertitta: Best: virtual hikes, yoga with ASL translation, mindfulness map, videos on safe picnics and gardening

Devon Serena: Our most viewed video from the summer was Tie Dye Bandana's-- tie dying with sharpies and alcohol.

Devon Serena: We tried to have people log into a live Mad Science program during what had been all recorded YouTube Videos this summer and no one logged on at all. I think we had set up the idea that it was all tune in as you please-- and people weren't ready for something that happened at a certain time.

BK Koehler: do folks foresee an increased need for food stability activities continuing through Winter into the next year? are municipalities beginning to offer more food banks or community gardens?

BK Koehler: <https://www.homeschoolacademy.com/resources/homeschool-laws-by-state/pennsylvania-homeschool-laws/>

Chelle clancy: New Britain Township: We are in the process of setting up a drive thru food drive at the end of this month. We're working directly with our local food bank on their list of most needed items - also asking the community for help with monetary donations to help purchase fresh foods (meats/produce).