



PRPS Virtual Roundtable

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Summer Camp Discussion

Google Doc –

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q8Ob1Z_zcWcAjT5gM0XQS7Vazxg172icb3IQPR7pfY0/edit?usp=sharing

JCC in Pittsburgh <https://mailchi.mp/jccpgh/shabbat-shalom-an-update-from-jcc-day-camps-646745?e=9b3493dfb1>

www.lowermerionrec.com

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/20200522-Department-of-Health-2020-Summer-Program-FAQ.pdf>

<https://prps.org/common/Uploaded%20files/Resources/Supplement%20to%20CDC%20Childcare%20Decision%20Tree%2020200523.pdf>

<https://prps.org/common/Uploaded%20files/5%2030%202020%20PRPS%20Recreation%20and%20Park%20Facility%20Reopening%20Guidelines.pdf>

Chat Discussion

chuck frantz: can you please forward any COVID waivers that might be out there.

Training: another question from the email Is it really a safe idea to open camps considering social distancing rules and child safety?

kschreiber: Muhlenberg has cancelled playground program, but doing activity sheet thru the school district's lunch distribution.

Kenneth Lehr: West Goshen has cancelled summer camp. We are keeping open the possibility of a limited "Family Camp" at the end of summer.

Bethany Bachman: I saw this from JCC in Pittsburgh <https://mailchi.mp/jccpgh/shabbat-shalom-an-update-from-jcc-day-camps-646745?e=9b3493dfb1> - they are doing small groups with no social distancing in that group - has anyone else thought of doing that?

chuck frantz: East Allen Township is running camp this summer

Gina Tophoney: Lower Merion has just decided to run as scheduled with restrictions on group size (25)

Terry Bauknight: Playground was cancelled but now we are revisiting and deciding on details if we offer it.

Lena Green: Lower Paxton township - we had planned on camp, then it was canceled. We are now looking into trying to open some type of camp.

Sue Howat: Thornbury Township Del Co is currently trying to determine if we can run summer camp safely and which protocols we will put into place. We are also looking into virtual camps - we have a "makin music" couple who will run virtual sing alongs.

Jennifer Fean: Northampton Township running limited day camp for 100 kids in 3 locations. Groups of 20 and 5 counselors staying in the same groups all summer

chuck frantz: East Allen Twp. is going with 5 groups of 15 campers with two counselors with each group and 3 floating counselors.

Derek Muller: New "Playground" camp in development pending. Will be a much shorter and smaller program

Bethany Bachman: Is anyone not socially distancing individually but in small groups?

Gina Tophoney: www.lowermerionrec.com - hope to go live with new program options mid next week (June 10)

Kristy O. & Missy S.: If you're running camp, do you have a COVID-19 policy/statement that your participants with sign? If so, would you be willing to share it?

Jennifer Fean: We are so limited; we are not advertised - offering to previous registrants in order they were received

Angelina Capozzi: Upper Gwynedd Township is opening camp but cutting it from 60 kids to 30 kids. Playing social distancing games and more hand washing.

Lena Green: Our plan is to have groups of 16 with 4 different counselors per group (morning and afternoon staff). Each group will stay within their group and with their counselors. Each group will also have their own space in the facility.

Sue Hoffman: Upper Providence Township has cancelled all camps while in yellow. If green, will look into contractor based camp.

Derek Muller: We're similar to Plymouth. 10 kids per group, functioning as a "household." About 3 staff members total

Lena Green: We plan to check temps on staff and campers everyday

Jennifer Fean: Same with Northampton

Jennifer Fean: We have an asst camp director in charge of sanitizing

Joanne Morelli: even with small groups, siblings must stay together even though there is an age difference. Middletown Twp.

Nicole Kreutzman: nkreutzman@north-fayette.com we are open to residents only. limited to 80 participants. 4 groups of 20 with 4 staff. will have temp screening upon arrival and screening checklist. staff in each group will be rotating to be the sanitizing person each day. masks will only be worn indoors in cases of inclement weather and heat index of 103 or higher. staff will be required to wear masks at all times at this point with short breaks for them every hour.

Joelle Scholl: We will have drive thru drop off and they will use a place card or text us when they are there for pick up. We will bring the child out to the parent. The parents will not be entering our building. We have a carport that we can use for the drive thru

chuck frantz: drive thru parents don't leave the car with 2 counselors checking them in and out going thru a check list of health questions before entering camp.

Kayla Drummond: With temperature checks how exactly can you say someone has a temperature. If it's 90 degrees outside and the kids have been running around before coming to camp and upon getting to camp it says they have a fever but they really don't their just hot. How to you handle that?

Derek Muller: We're doing a drive thru drop off/pick up. I like the cam idea, which we can do with our ipad

Angelina Capozzi: Normally we split our groups by "bigs" "middles" and "littles" is it recommend that we change that this year so that siblings are together?

Derek Muller: For staffing: Looking to have 2 additional staff who are not there every day but can fill in if someone is sick or away

Brian Koehler: how long do you plan to keep official paperwork on file?

Derek Muller: Maybe forever. Probably scan everything digitally after the program

Bethany Bachman: Brian, we intend to save forever digitally (at least until the 7/8 years passes).

David Hutner: If you don't have an area, you could get a 10x10 tent and use it as a moveable isolation area

Diaz Woodard: That's a great idea!

Jennifer Fean: Can I ask how much people are charging? Especially if you are operating a 1/2-day outdoor program? We are considering this as well, but when I did the numbers it seems too pricey

Jennifer Fean: Interested in all day camp as well. (price)

Diaz Woodard; Were offering our programming for free because we will have additional funds due to not hiring as many as usual. That should free up money for supplies.

Brian Koehler: that is fantastic service Diaz!

David Hutner: Is anyone planning on a "COVID-19 fee" to help offset the additional costs of sanitizing, staff ratios, etc

Shirley Brough: We dropped our prices per week by \$50.00 since we will not be taking off-campus field trips. We were charging \$250 per week and now it will be \$200. We are basically now offering this as a community service and this will cover our costs.

Derek Muller: Our rate is roughly \$8/hr

Angelina Capozzi: we charge \$75 a week for a morning camp. I believe we will keep that price since we already had people who have paid. Anyone who doesn't feel comfortable sending their child will get a full refund

Joanne Morelli: Middletown has eliminated Kindergarteners from camp this year. Not a great first impression. to have.

Sue Howat: Thornbury charges \$12/half day, \$24 for full day.

Gina Tophoney: We charge residents \$325 for the six-week session - 9:00am - 3:00pm outdoors. Camp is cancelled in inclement weather.

Gina Tophoney: Lower Merion

Tammy Echevarria: Approximately \$110 per week for 6 hrs - \$600 for 6 weeks

Derek Muller: We refunded our money already. Working on a registration process that will allow us to validate if they were registered for that program, which makes them eligible to sign up for our new program. What's everyone doing in that regard?

Jennifer Fean: We decided to take K (entering first grade) because so many were had older siblings who already attend

Bethany Bachman: Did anyone else's solicitor have issue with Governor wolf's FAW

Brian Koehler: Has anyone experienced increased / decreased liability costs from their insurers? Was that a contributing factor for this season / future seasons?

Sue Howat: Looking for some ideas for virtual camps

Bethany Bachman: Summer programs include child care facilities regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and the following part-day school age programs:

- A part-day school-age program that operates for less than 90 consecutive days per calendar year from the date the program opens to the date the program closes;
- A part-day school age program that operates 2 hours or less per day for 3 or fewer days per week;

- A part-day school age program that has a single purpose for the children's attendance and that purpose is the only focus of the program (e.g., soccer or art class); and
- A drop-in program where a child or youth may come and go at will.

Bethany Bachman: Governor Wolf's FAQ - we are "full-day" and they defined as part-day

Gerri Lumpkin: We are running an outdoor camp at our township park. I am concerned about the public using the playground at the same time.

Joelle Scholl: We have a waiver that must be signed by each parent. We also have our COVID Guidelines posted.

Derek Muller: Diaz, these are the FAQs <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/20200522-Department-of-Health-2020-Summer-Program-FAQ.pdf>

Tammy Echevarria: We refunded everyone out and will be opening registration on Fr 6/5 for Upper Dublin Township staff, UDT residents those currently registered. We have stated they will receive a confirmation email, if they meet that criteria. All others, if space remains, will open registration on Monday, 6/8.

Gina Tophoney: I am pretty sure that in Child Care lingo, part day only refers to part of the 24-hour day...it doesn't reference actual number of hours

Derek Muller: We're not using the playground.

Angelina Capozzi: We will not be using our playground

Jennifer Fean: Not using the playground

Bethany Bachman: Dormont will be in green and we have a wooden and are trying to find a way to use it

Lena Green: At this point no playground use

Derek Muller: We're lucky that the park we're looking to use has a pretty isolated playground. I get the playgrounds being the center of communities though

Jackie Duaine: Diaz where are u located? I'm in Philly and we have the same concerns about playground equipment

Gerri Lumpkin: We are in Newtown Twp.

Diaz Woodard: Jackie I'm located in York City.

Brian Koehler: how have your training / orientation protocols adjusted for this season?

Gerri Lumpkin: Does anyone know of good training videos

Diaz Woodard: We're still trying to figure that out.

Lena Green: We will train in person. All staff will need to update their CPR to learn the bag valve method.

Jennifer Fean: Still working on it - I think we are doing in person, in small groups a week before camp starts (not starting until July 6)

Joelle Scholl: We have an outdoor training They will all sign off on all training.

Ashley: Are people allowing shift changes with staff?

Brian Koehler: will the same staff stay with the same children or rotate?

Joelle Scholl: all are assigned to specific groups

Gina Tophoney: Same staff/same children

Lena Green: We will have shift changes within the groups. No one will work multiple groups

Todd Miller: Everyone that is opening, did you all develop your health and safety plan that needs published according to gov?

Derek Muller: Basically copied and pasted from guideline documents

Derek Muller: Plus EAP

Group Email Addresses – *available on Summer Camp Google Doc (link above)*