



PRPS Virtual Roundtable February 18, 2021 Summer Camp

Chat Discussion

Kimberly Tuin: Hi. My name is Kim Tuin with West End Park and Open Space Commission. My Boss Bernie Kozen would like to know what is happening with camps regarding food provided. Our local food pantry had done a free lunch in 2018 and 2019 (open to public too). We aren't sure if allowable or recommended this year if we run the camp.

Kimberly Tuin: #2 question--when will masks be required: all the time or only inside?

Valerie Murphy : Field trips

MICHAEL KURLAND : summer camp permits and licensing

Kimberly Tuin: mask wearing and also questions on providing food (i.e. through our local food pantry through a food grant)

Tonya Brown: pool protocols

Bridget Curry: How are others handling visitors to camp?

Tonya Brown: right now, it would be all the time

Derek Muller: Who has marketing out? How specific at this point? We're just sharing very general info to people who ask

Tonya Brown: we would follow school protocols.

Tonya Brown: drop off procedures - pick up procedures

David Hutner: We require masks on both campers and staff. Initially we did not require campers all the time, about halfway through we required it at all times (excluding the eating times. Staff were always required all the time. We also required parents to wear their mask during drop-off and pickup.

Valerie Murphy: is anyone taking temperatures

Kelly Sarkis: We will be taking temperatures every day.

Derek Muller: (Montgomery Township)

Temperatures - yes.

Pick-up/Drop-off: We have a bus loop and will most likely run a drive-thru/curbside procedure. We did a similar procedure last summer

Lauren Irizarry: Conshohocken Borough - Yes, we will take temps

Beth Bachman: Can we do a poll for temp taking? Does anyone have guidelines to point to for why you are taking them?

Tammy Echevarria: Upper Dublin I staking temps at in person camps and programs - we do not record

Jennifer Fean: Northampton - we take temperatures. In 2020, we had drop off zones to divide up the kids. Temps were taken curbside.

Craig Shevchik: Latrobe -We take temps and write it down. We also did car drop off.

From Tammy Echevarria: UDP&R also does a Medical Pre-screen form which is sent out two weeks prior

Jennifer Fean: We asked parents to make sure air conditioner was on and had igloos to keep thermometers cool. We also had placards for cars. Thermometers can get too hot

Jennifer Fean: No field trips per 2020 guidelines, but bringing people in

Beth Bachman: In line with field trips, are you have special visitors at camp?

Kimberly Tuin: What about if you share a public space for your camp--playground, basketball court--etc is shared by the public

Derek Muller: Special visitors - yes

Tonya Brown: Our bus protocol is one per seat, with mask

Lauren Irizarry: As of now, Conshohocken Boroughs is tentatively planning for trips. They will be outdoor trips. Will be doing the same as Mike for buses

Jennifer Fean: We did not take visitors in 2020, but will in 2021 - essentially bringing trips to camp

Derek Muller: Trips TBD - most likely not though

Valerie Murphy: does anyone have contacts for who they are bringing to camp? Near Pittsburgh area

Jennifer Fean: We provide lunch - did not in 2020, we are in 2021. Individually wrapped

Andie Graham: Prepackaged and no outside food unless documented food allergies.

Jennifer Fean: So sorry, I cannot answer or join via camera - fun times today

Tonya Brown: we are bringing in special visitors. Social distancing is the key

Jennifer Fean: socially distant - same wellness check as campers and staff. We are also doing mini golf - they are great

Jennifer Fean: Agree with Derek

Kimberly Tuin: State police bringing in info on bike safety. Will be outside. Kids masked--spread out. We use Hug a Tree also on what do to if lost in woods. Temp checks. We would have 12-25

Michele Pilotta: Ideas for in house visitors for western PA - Pittsburgh area?

Kimberly Tuin: American Red Cross does a Fire Safety program too--Brodheadsville PA (Monroe County)

Derek Muller: Elmwood Park Zoo (DIll) - adecker@elmwoodparkzoo.com - Mobile Zoo Educational Programs

MICHAEL KURLAND: green daisy soap (soap making and hand sanitizer making)- York Lancaster area

Angela Russell: Limerick is bringing all activities in to camp. Traveling mini golf (thanks, Jess!) , Police with K9 Demo, Mad Science, Harlem Wizards, John Cassidy Entertainment just to name a few. Everyone who comes in to camp will also have their temps checked.

Jessica Tholey: anywhereminigolf.com

Derek Muller: Love Mad Science too. We've used Anywhere Mini Golf for traveling mini golf. Game trucks...maybe a form or doc would be helpful?

Kimberly Tuin: We have local Scouts do a presentation on things like trees in the area with half our camp (ours is small 25 max). Half go on a nature walk looking for the trees or camps

Kimberly Tuin: creatures I mean

Beth Bachman: We have our own pool, looking to go in early before general public but if not financially reasonable intending to still go normal time in afternoon

Jennifer Fean: We swim at our pool - predominately campers there - followed pool guidelines from Pool Manager

Bridget Curry: We do visitors related to our weekly themes. I have compiled a list of various visitors...if anyone is in the Pittsburgh Area, feel free to reach out and ask

Kimberly Tuin: We don't have a pool but we have done water balloons and sprinklers, and water shooters

Tammy Echevarria: we did not in 2020 - still considering it in 2021

Katie Nowland: We have a pool at our park. We will go in the morning before it's open to the public.

Derek Muller: TBD

Beth Bachman: I know some camps did and used their own pool - also another camp in area is looking to come with general public, spacing on bus and limiting how many on bus, may do 2 trips to accommodate

Beth Bachman: What are your capacities limits this year for camp?

BK Koehler: inflatable mini golf rental (York, PA)

https://www.3monkeysinflatables.com/items/mobile_9_hole_mini_golf_-_blacklight_extra/

Sarah Prebis: jumping jubilee- bringing inflatable water slide to camp- 267-893-7234

Derek Muller: 60 - about 1/3 of our usual camp size

David Hutner: We uses the pool last year and have every intention of using the pool again this year

Beth Bachman: Jhanie - we are planning on using occupancy #

Beth Bachman: and then basing it on county guidelines

Tonya Brown: twbrown@mbgsd.org

Jennifer Fean: Anyone having trouble staffing?

Jen Steffenauer: Yes, staffing seems especially difficult this year.

Derek Muller: For our needs, we are 95% staffed

BK Koehler: inflatable mini golf (Eastern, PA) - <http://www.djphantom.com/MiniGolf.htm>

Bridget Curry: Pittsburgh area folks...email me here to get info on visitors we use daycamp@bor.dormont.pa.us

Katie Nowland: Last summer we just had morning camps to avoid the lunch issues.

Jennifer Fean: I have the campers for more camps at schools this summer, not really sure I will be able to staff

Derek Muller: Talk to your fire departments (or designated emergency office) - they provide us with sanitizer and masks for no cost

Beth Bachman: daycamp@boro.dormont.pa.us - forgot the 2nd o

Bridget Curry: Thanks Beth!

Mandy Maguffey: https://www.google.com/url?q=https://thegreatpaleooutdoors.com/how-to-make-a-camping-handwashing-station/&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1613672625459000&usg=AFQjCNHgjikev1oqF-7b_7bNaGSQencDg

Mandy Maguffey: DIY Handwashing station above

Tonya Brown: staffing ...we haven't even gotten approved to go!

Tammy Echevarria: is anyone requiring vaccinations for staff

Kimberly Tuin: What to do if a camper has come into contact with Covid person--quarantine (?)

Jennifer Fean: Exact same problem Mike

BK Koehler: inflatable mini golf - (Western, PA) <https://partyrentalguyz.com/>

Beth Bachman: Do anyone have any waivers? Especially those that did it last year

Beth Bachman: Can you share? Thanks!

Kelly Sarkis: We've started marketing and registration, so far so good since we've only been advertising in our organization's newsletter.

Mike Richino: we got COVID waivers from our Solicitor last summer

Andie Graham: One waiver for all of camp.

Jennifer Fean: We eblasted. Our full day is full for what we can take with a 40-person waitlist. Half day and 9 - 3 option almost full

Derek Muller: All virtual - Our program thrives on word of mouth, so advertising is minimal most years. We share info with our families from previous years and go from there to determine additional advertising needs

BK Koehler: article - Benefits of Digital Waivers for Camp - <https://blog.circuitree.com/4-benefits-of-digital-waivers-for-your-summer-camp>

Mike Richino: We aren't opening registration until April. Trying to wait as long as possible to see what, if any, changes to mandates and protocols take place

Jennifer Fean: Parents definitely wanting to send kids!

Derek Muller: Same - April 6 is our tentative registration date

Jessica Tholey: We are mailing our spring/summer guide to homes.

Beth Bachman: Did you track the answers to their questions when you took their temp?

Emily Croke: We are publishing our summer guide tomorrow and opening registration on March 1. Our in house summer camp will be resident only.

BK Koehler: online / digital waiver options: <https://blog.waiverforever.com/best-free-online-waiver-services-2021/>

Mike Richino: We sent email to previous campers and message in newsletter that has parents responding to an email if they'd like a weekly email with any updates until registration opens

Jessica Tholey: What are the procedures if a camper tests positive? Do you shut down?

BK Koehler: mobile waiver app - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/waiverforever-online-waiver/id534978891>

Patrick Cannon: We use some school district facilities for summer camps and they only allow 10% of maximum occupancy indoors so some capacity limits are only 11 or 12 people TOTAL in some of their gyms. That includes staff. We try to play outdoors and only come inside when we have inclement weather. What is everyone else doing if you have inclement weather and have to go indoors?

Jennifer Fean: Our procedure is the same

Kimberly Tuin: Child contact with covid and quarantines--do you tell the other kids?

Kimberly Tuin: kids' parents

Jennifer Fean: We do - Northampton

Jennifer Fean: "A child in our program has tested positive" Not for contact

Jennifer Fean: Sorry

Derek Muller: Last year we were at a park and inclement weather meant a cancelled day and a refund/credit. This year we have our Community & Rec Center. We follow 10% occupancy in each space at the moment

Tonya Brown: we are fortunate that our school will help guide us thru the policies with covid related exposures or positive cases. EVERY case is different, and you need to do contact tracing in both cases.

Jennifer Fean: Right

Jennifer Fean: Not even symptomatic - just contact

Jennifer Fean: Yes - you will need more

Kimberly Tuin: What are the ages of your Counselors in Training and do they pay anything? Ours is ages 13-15 and used to be half camp fee first year, 1/4 second year, free third but thinking of doing \$100 flat fee in 2021

Kimberly Tuin: Tonya Brown how big is your camp?

Beth Bachman: Are you doing pods or allowing full mixing of campers?

Jennifer Fean: Pods unless guidelines change

Beth Bachman: for your 40-50 are they going to be in smaller pods or allow them to be that big of a group

Bridget Curry: How big are your pods?

Derek Muller: Max 20 in pods. Possibly smaller

Jennifer Fean: We did 12 kids, 3 counselors last year

Beth Bachman: How many kids in a pod? We have 50 in a camp - we were thinking 4 pods, but allowing them to mix for time outside and briefly for free time

Jen Steffenauer: 12 in pods, currently.

Bridget Curry: Are they sharing communal bathrooms, and such between the pods? Is there any mixing?

Jennifer Fean: Include staff in your pod count - our county would not pass our plan with more than 12 and 3. Your county health department should guide you

Beth Bachman: Does each pod have their own facility? we would just have to spilt in big room

Jennifer Fean: They share bathrooms and we have to sanitize all the time - we assigned pods to different bathrooms

Andie Graham: CIT -- I do not pay, Ages are 13-15 . I did not allow them last year and do not think I am going to allow them this year. Less people means less exposure potentially.

Tammy Echevarria: our CITs are 9th-12th grade residents only - \$50 fee no payment to the CIT We are not doing CITs this summer

Valerie Murphy: can anyone share their CIT themes or programs

Jennifer Fean: Our CIT's are part of a program and are entering 9th grade. I did not use them last year because they have to be part of the pod count

Mike Richino: Our CIT's are graduated 9th grade and not 16 (eligible for paid employment). We do not pay them but if they do an exceptional job they receive a cash stipend at end of year. It helps them get hired the next year

Karen Hegedus: Our CIT is a actual program that they register for. The ages are 14-15. We are not offering this summer.

Michele Pilotta: do you not find CITs to just be another kid to monitor?

BK Koehler: retrofit hand washing stations: <https://www.murdockmfg.com/indoor-hand-washing-stations--fast>
<https://www.acorneng.com/wash-ware-for-schools>

Valerie Murphy: Valerie.murphy@cranberrytownship.org

Jennifer Fean: We have our CIT's apply and get letter of recommendations - that weeds out kids who don't want to do it because it is a pain

Emily Croke: CITs: Ages 13-14. We do not charge CITs. They are volunteers. We require each CIT submit a recommendation letter along with the application.

Andie Graham: Normally we do use schools but the district is not letting us again this summer. We will run outside again.

Tammy Echevarria: UDP&R uses schools - we are not this summer

BK Koehler: low cost solution to portable hand washing stations:
<https://www.webstaurantstore.com/55611/portable-hand-washing-stations-and-supplies-.html>

Tonya Brown: In central PA, our schools have not answered other rec dept for approvals.

Jennifer Fean: We use our Rec and schools - we are approved in 2021

Derek Muller: We usually do, but are not this year

Kimberly Tuin: We don't use a school but we do share a public park so we can't keep our campers from others-- what are thoughts on sharing space?

Mike Richino: Wissahickon school district has been extremely helpful and cooperative. They even loaned us touchless thermometers last summer

Tonya Brown: We will be in Mech but trying to be outside this year except for rain and one day a week, one camp will be inside for indoor activities like a movie, and what not.

BK Koehler: hand washing solution: <https://www.homedepot.com/p/SereneLife-5-plus-Gal-Capacity-Portable-Hand-Wash-Sink-Faucet-Station-SLCASN18/305972370>

Devon Serena: We have previously used the schools. As a PTO volunteer in our elementary, we haven't been able to do anything at all in the school buildings this year and we were not able to run our basketball program this winter, so I'm assuming the rules will continue through the summer and we will no longer be able to have access to school buildings. It's going to change our programming a lot.

BK Koehler: portable sinks: <https://www.acorneng.com/portable-sinks>

Tonya Brown: Our school is not following the leaving the state protocols.

Jennifer Fean: Our school district does not allow outside users either. I appealed to them because they are their students who need childcare in the summer. We pick up where you left off reasoning. It worked

Jennifer Fean: We do not allow them into camp if they travel. Our parents complied last year.

Jesse Hart: We run an outdoor summer camp at our playgrounds (no indoor facility, just pavilions). Is anyone else in a similar situation? What are you capping your numbers at?

Derek Muller: We would like people to be honest, but I don't see a way to 100% guarantee no travel. If we don't hear about it (from a reliable first hand source), we can't write that fiction

Beth Bachman: How long is that for? We are weekly, do you require a week off or 2 or a negative test?

Devon Serena: I tried to appeal to ours about basketball being kids that were already in the building together, since it's a rec program that is limited to only kids in our district, but they didn't go for it.

BK Koehler: sample COVID process from Shaver's Creek (PSU): <https://www.shaverscreek.org/public-programs-and-events/camps/covid-19-and-camp/>

BK Koehler: questions to ask suggested by ACA: <https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/parents/questions-you-should-ask-your-camp-director-about-covid-19-summer-2021>

Jennifer Fean: ACA is great resource

Jennifer Fean: I did, yes. That statement is everywhere multiple times

BK Koehler: COVID resources from Scouts: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/camping-covid-19-resource-center/>

BK Koehler: Girl Scout protocols: <https://www.gscnc.org/en/council/about-us/covid-19-information.html>

Derek Muller: We have to do our best. We cannot force everyone to tell us everything they do

Jennifer Fean: Absolutely!

Jennifer Fean: We are doing those in a separate school

Tonya Brown: we are running all our camps for specialty

Jennifer Fean: We do in-person and virtual

Derek Muller: Not this year. We need the space. If restrictions ease more that can change

Jennifer Fean: Indoor and outdoor.

Derek Muller: Evening contracted programs after camp - sure

Jennifer Fean: Yes, same protocols - we run programs now.

Dylan McKissick: We're ONLY doing is specialty camps. All will be in-person. But smaller groups than our traditional Playground Program (25 kids)

Jennifer Fean: 100%

Kimberly Tuin: How do you keep campers from public intermingling if outside?

Niki Tourscher: tour@prps.org

Andie Graham: My staff does a good job of keeping the campers safely away from public people.

BK Koehler: what are folks planning for 1st Aid / CPR training for staff? have you needed to adjust your hiring processes / timelines?

Valerie Murphy: blended learning

Derek Muller: Different sessions/dates for CPR training

Jennifer Fean: Northampton same as Derek

Katie Nowland: Yes those resources were GREAT! As were the roundtables last year.

Kimberly Tuin: Private CPR training with an outside source from our local college

Mike Richino: same

Mike Richino: I'm a certified instructor so I'll offer various dates

Kimberly Tuin: Yes--online first and then smaller in person to finalize

Derek Muller: Provided via DVHT. If needed, we have another contractor who offers classes for the public at our facility

Andie Graham: I have an instructor that ran it in person for me. We were very spread out and disinfects everything

BK Koehler: when would folks like to have this discussion again before the season kicks off? april / may / june?

Derek Muller: "Summer Program" :)

Tonya Brown: Thank you PRPS and all the friends on here. Off to the PRPS membership Committee meeting.

Jennifer Fean: Resident camps are overnight camps

Andie Graham: resident camp is overnight camp. Not day camp

Mike Richino: 100%

Jhanie Kunkel: Jhane Kunkel -East Hanover Twp. Dauphin County - parksandrec@ehtdcpa.org

MICHAEL KURLAND: thanks

Alex Van Pelt: According to Act 497, day camps that meet these five conditions are required to register with the department:

- a) Camp exists for the primary purpose of providing outdoor "group living experience" for children, youth and adults.
- b) Camp is established for conducting an organized program with social, recreational and educational objectives.
- c) Camp program is held at a camp facility, designed for the purpose of providing an outdoor living experience.
- d) Camp program is held a minimum of five consecutive days. Overnight stays are not required.
- e) Excludes tourist camps, hunting camps, labor camps, and campgrounds that are used for vacationing or leisure type activities.

Kimberly Tuin: Can anyone who is left help with how to handle a camp sharing public spaces -- how to handle this. Our playground is open to the public

Beth Bachman: James, that sounds like an event

Beth Bachman: your limit would probably be under your county event guidelines

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