



Frequently Asked Questions: Special Recreation

Why aren't all Special Recreation camps offered six hours a day for six weeks like traditional day camps?

Due to COVID-19 physical (social) distancing guidelines and resulting capacity restrictions, limited space is available at our Special Recreation locations, so they are offering several day camp sessions of different lengths and hours in order provide opportunities to as many people as possible.

Can I register my child for more than one camp session?

In order to allow more people the opportunity to participate please register for one session only.

What if my child is not able to register for in-person day camp?

Unfortunately, we are only able to serve a limited percentage of all who would like to return to in-person programming this summer. We will continue to offer virtual programs in order to include as many people as possible.

Are face coverings (masks) required?

All participants and staff must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth at all times, except when eating or drinking. Parents and caregivers must wear a mask during drop off and pick up. To protect participants and those they interact with, participants who cannot meet this expectation will be removed from camp.

Is social distancing required?

All participants must be able to maintain 6 feet of social distancing throughout the program. To protect participants and those they interact with, participants who cannot meet this expectation will be removed from camp.

How do we make sure participants are not attending a program with symptoms?

Participants should not come to camp if they exhibit any symptoms of illness including but not limited to fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat, body aches, and nausea. Every participant entering the park will confirm each day that they are not experiencing any symptoms described above. Anyone who exhibits symptoms will be isolated with staff supervision and parent/guardian contacted to pick up participant. Participants exhibiting symptoms attributed to a noncontagious condition such as allergies will need to provide a Doctor's note stating such.

Can participants use PACE or taxi services as transportation to and from camp?

Yes, as long as participants who use PACE or taxi services are able to meet at the designated camp check-in location independently upon arrival and wait for their PACE/taxi independently upon dismissal.

What level of independence is required to participate in day camp?

Participants must be able to be successful in a 5:1 (participant to staff) ratio and devoid of emotional or physical outbursts that require 1:1 staffing support. Participants also must be able to stay within close proximity to the group and refrain from elopement and wandering. To protect participants and those they interact with, participants who cannot meet these expectations will be removed from camp.

Will assistance with personal care be given?

Participants must be able to perform all personal care (hygiene, toileting, eating, etc.) independently with no hands-on assistance. To protect participants and those they interact with, participants who cannot meet this expectation will be removed from camp.

What happens if a participant becomes ill during camp?

A participant displaying symptoms of illness will be removed from the group, and an approved adult will be required to pick them up within 30 minutes of notification.

What cleaning protocols will be followed at camp?

Staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces before and after use. Equipment will be cleaned between uses.

Will Inclusion Aides be provided?

More information regarding Inclusion Aide requests and guidelines can be found [here](#) under **Inclusion Services**.

Please note: we continue to watch for changes in COVID-19 guidelines and protocol updates, and will make adjustments accordingly.