

SAFETY AND HEALTH QUESTIONS

Are children required to wear face masks?

Everyone over age 2 must wear a face mask when visiting Elgin Parks and Recreation facilities or participating in programs.

Do adults need to wear a mask when dropping off their child?

Yes. Parents need to wear a mask when walking up to a group.

Can adults come in to The Centre of Elgin?

At this time, we are limiting the amount of people in The Centre of Elgin. Parents/guardians will be met at the door by a counselor and their child will be led into the building to their designated room.

Do kids need to have a mask on when being dropped off and picked up?

Yes, children should have masks on at pick-up and drop-off.

What if a child forgets their mask?

We will have extra disposable masks on hand, but we do request this be a priority to check prior to coming to the our program.

Will the kids be able to take breaks to remove their masks?

We will plan breaks for children in longer programs when they can be outside and socially distant.

How will you handle kids who refuse to wear a mask or keep removing it?

They'll gently be reminded that the rule is in place for their safety. Staff will speak with a parent and outline consequences if this continues.

How many masks should my child bring with them every day?

We suggest two or three. Please bring them in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on it.

What about when my child eats or drinks inside?

Masks may come off to eat and drink from water bottles. Children must be socially distanced from one another when eating and drinking.

Will teachers help kids put their masks on?

Staff will teach children how to put masks on and off properly.

Do you recommend a certain type of mask?

Cloth or disposable masks are both fine. They should be properly sized and cover both their nose and mouth.

How are you cleaning the toys?

Our toys are fully sanitized each day.

Are you taking children's temperatures prior to them entering the program?

We are asking that parents check their child for fever and COVID symptoms before coming.

What would happen if either a child or staff member were to become sick? Would the entire program shut down or just the group that had the sick person?

If a child or staff member is sick, we would immediately notify Public Health officials who would come on site to determine the best practices for potential closure. Group members and close contacts will also be notified immediately.

SUMMER CARE ACTIVITIES AND GROUP INFO

What is your group size?

We are following Public Health guidelines and limited camp group sizes to 10 people. Our activity rooms have been set up with activities, toys, games, and art materials so each group has space for fun!

Why can't I register for 3 days?

Due to the COVID guidelines, we have to keep the groups static. The only way to ensure this is requiring a participant to register for 5 days.

Will siblings be placed in the same cohort?

No, they will be with other children their age.

What about friend requests?

We are not accepting friend requests. Your child will be placed in a group of his/her peers, but due to the small sizes, we are not taking requests.

How do I talk to my child's counselor?

You will see your child's counselor at pick up and drop off. You may reach also out to the Recreation Supervisor at any time if you have questions or concerns that you would like to address at (847)531-7017.

Can I pick my child up early or drop them off later?

Yes, you may drop off/pick up at any time. You will just need to call the camp phone at (224)325-9317.

Will my child go outside?

Yes, each group will have time for games on the field, nature walks, and other gross motor fun! The groups will be assigned a specific bin of toys to use during those times.

What should I pack for my child?

We recommend packing a water bottle, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and a lunch.

What will their camp day be like? What activities will they be doing?

Children will be playing! Our camp days will include a variety of activities, from free time in activity rooms, structured art projects, or games on the field/gym.

Will our children go on fieldtrips?

Fieldtrips are tentative right now, we hope to be able to bring the campers on trips. We will also be planning some "in-house" fieldtrips to bring some fun throughout the weeks.

How are the groups being divided up? How many children/counselors per group?

There are 10 children with two staff members in each group. Children will be divided by age.

Are the staff required to wear masks around my child?

Staff is required to wear masks.

Will food be served?

We have partnered with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to provide a healthy morning breakfast and afternoon snack for all our campers. This snack will be served Monday through Friday. **Parents are still responsible for packing a lunch each day.** We are making an effort to promote healthy eating and healthy lifestyles by incorporating some educational activities throughout the summer. Parents can do their part by encouraging their children to be active and by packing nutritional meals each day

Where do I find the most up-to-date camp information?

Our website contains the most up-to date information.

How will you ensure my child has a great summer experience with all the changes going on?

We promise fun and that is what summer is about. Our staff members are eager to hold summer camp and provide enriching activities throughout the day.

Depending on how many children attend our summer camp, will similar age groups stay together or will there be a mix of age groups?

The children will be placed in camp groups by age. Some ages may be combined as long as they are within one school year of each other.

If more restrictions are lifted, what changes could we expect to see? What would be added?

We are working on tentative plans on how we can add more experiences. For now, we are following state guidelines on capacity limits and group activities.