

Dear Families

We are very excited to let everyone know that the Town of Bedford Recreation and Parks Department will be offering a modified summer camp program at the Bedford Hills Memorial Park and the Katonah Memorial Park for the summer of 2020. There will of course be many changes that will help keep campers and counselors safe this summer.

Safety has always been our number one priority and with all the new challenges it will continue to be our number one priority. Our camp will be more restrictive on how we run and what activities we will be able to run. We will operate with the following guidelines and restrictions:

- **Fewer campers on the premises-** The overall number of camps at each location will be less than we have had in previous years.
- **Smaller Group Size** – The group sizes will be smaller to be able to maintain social distancing.
- **Consistency with Counselors** - Each group will have the same Counselors for the summer.

If you have concerns over how camp will run safely, please review the following guidelines carefully to see if camp is still a good fit for your family. These regulations are being sent from the NYS Department of Health and we are mandated to enforce them.

Camp is as follows

- Children will be grouped in 10 with two counselors. They will not be able to cross paths or interact with anyone outside their groups while at camp.
- There will be no group request accommodations made
 - Groups will be made according to the campers' grade entering in the fall and the school they attend. There may be times we need to mix grades and schools due to group size allowances
- Arrival and Dismissal time will be staggered and assigned after registration
 - (Arrival 9:00- 9:30, Dismissal 2:35 – 3:00)
- There will be no extended day program
- There will be no field trips or camp carnival
- Camp will be cancelled on inclement weather days.
- Campers will be required to sanitize their hands after each activity
- Campers will be required to wash their hand with soap and water before eating.
- Supplies will be separated per group or individual (Bagged Sports Supplies per group, Art Supplies etc.)
 - When supplies will be shared, campers will use hand sanitizer after use and equipment will be cleaned between groups
- A wellness check will be done everyday for campers and counselors. For campers, a check list will be asked of parents upon arrival each day, along with temperature checks.
- A Covid-19 waiver /agreement will be required at the time of registration.
- Parents will need to keep a 14 day health log prior to camp starting (June 29 – July 12)
- Parent will need to agree not to send their camper to camp while sick or experiencing any Covid 19 or Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C) symptoms
- All Staff members will be wearing face coverings at all times.
- Campers will be required to wear face mask upon arrival and keep on until our activities start. (15 – 25 minutes) It is recommended to wear throughout the day, but not mandatory
- Campers will be required to bring their own lunch and water for their entire days use.
- Swimming will be allowed
 - Free swim only (30 minute time block after lunch)
 - Campers will need to wear their bathing suits as we will have limited time in the pool area.

- After swimming there will be limited time to change. We will try to make changing accommodations, but are recommending kids finish the day in their suits.
- Activities will be limited to what is being allowed to be played. Games deemed moderate to high risk have not been deemed safe to play at camp.
- If you need to pick your child up before regular dismissal, arrangement will need to be made with the Camp Director

Please note this is a actively evolving situation. A Camp Handbook will be made available after June 26th.

While we know this summer's camp experience will not be what most of our families are expecting, we do feel that we are doing all we can to provide the best summer experience within the state and local safety mandates. The health and welfare of our staff and campers will always be our first priority. We will make sure to have fun, in a positive and safe environment. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this unique and challenging times.

Registration will be through our on-line registration program and be done by a Lottery System.

How to Sign up for the Lottery

- 1. Log onto your Online Profile**
- 2. Select the camp location of your choice**
 - a. 690500 – Bedford Hills Location**
 - b. 690600- Katonah Location**
- 3. Place your child in the program**
 - a. Make sure you select all your children you would like to attend camp.**
- 4. Proceed to check out and complete transaction**

There is no fee to add your Child(ren) to the lottery system.

Lottery Drawing will be done by household. If household is selected it will include all members entered into the lottery.

Camp is available for Town Residents who are entering grade 1 – 7 in the Fall of 2020.

DATES TO REGISTER for the LOTTERY

Starting June 19 at 9:00 am - Thursday June 25 at 12 noon

LOTTERY DRAWING

Thursday June 25th

NOTIFICATION

Friday June 26th after 1pm

Should you need assistance please call the Recreation Office at 914-666-7004