

2021 Glen Ridge Recreation Summer Day Camp FAQ's & Information

Please note that given the dynamic nature of the pandemic, this program may be modified as the situation evolves and new data/guidance becomes available.

- 1) **Who may participate?** Glen Ridge residents ages 5 – 12 (must be 5 years old before January 1, 2022).
- 2) **When is it?** June 21 – August 5 (7 weeks) Monday through Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 3) **Where is it?** Carteret Park, Carteret Street, Glen Ridge, NJ.
- 4) **How much does it cost?** The cost is \$45 per session. Camp will operate only when weather permits. In the event that day camp is canceled, the daily registration fee will be refunded.
- 5) **How many campers will be in each session?** There will be a maximum of 40 campers per day.
- 6) **What kind of activities are planned?** Sports games, arts & crafts, and board games will be among the activities with the focus being on activities that do not involve contact and can be social distanced. To the extent possible, camp staff will avoid activities where social distancing of at least 6 feet between people cannot be maintained. Staff will avoid use of items that are not easily cleaned, sanitized, or disinfected.
- 7) **Should campers bring a lunch?** Yes. Campers should bring a lunch and filled drink/water bottle. Campers will be spread out during lunch time. Please note that there will be refrigeration available. The staff will encourage proper hand washing before and after lunch.
- 8) **Will there be any bus trips as in the past?** No. There will be no off site bus trips or swimming at the GR Community Pool.
- 9) **What if it rains?** Day camp will not operate when inclement or dangerous weather is forecast. The staff will ensure that precautions are taken in consideration of sudden unexpected inclement weather including providing outside canopy/tenting/cover accessibility. In the event that day camp is canceled, the daily registration fee will be refunded. Call the GR Day Camp Hotline (973)748-2439 for schedule changes due to weather. The message is updated at 7:00am each day. Please do not leave messages on this line.
- 10) **Are face coverings required for counselors and campers?** Yes. As per the State of New Jersey Department of Health, staff and campers shall, at minimum, wear cloth face coverings when social distancing of 6 feet between individuals and/or assigned groups cannot be maintained, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health or the individual is in extreme heat outdoors. It is understood that face coverings may be challenging to campers (especially younger campers) to wear.
- 11) **Will bathrooms be available and disinfected?** Yes. Camp staff will conduct routine daily cleaning or as much as possible of common surfaces including bathrooms.
- 12) **Can the camp staff dispense medication or apply sunscreen to campers?** No. Staff members are not allowed to dispense medication or apply sunscreen.
- 13) **How will the camp deal with disorderly conduct by campers?** Behavior such as, but not limited to, showing disrespect to a staff member, inappropriate language, continued disobedience, vandalism, fighting, theft, will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the program without refund. Any participant that demonstrates dangerous behavior or possesses any item which does or could endanger the health or safety of him/herself and/or another will be removed from the program without refund.

- 14) **What should campers wear?** Parents/guardians should insure that children are dressed appropriately for outdoor, summertime activities. Parents/guardians must send campers with a face covering.
- 15) **Can campers walk home from camp?** Yes. Parents/guardians must inform the Day Camp staff if participants will walk home.
- 16) **How does drop off and pick up work?** Parents/guardians must drop off and pick up children on time. The Day Camp staff is not responsible for the supervision of children before or after program hours. At the conclusion of each session, no child will be left unattended, but numerous late pick-ups may result in suspension or removal from the program without refund. After 30 minutes of the conclusion of camp, parents/guardians should pick up children at the Glen Ridge Police Department. Parents/guardians will inform the Day Camp staff and sign an authorization form if participants will be picked up by another adult.
- 17) **Can I sign my child up on-site?** No. There will be no on-site registration. All registrations must take place online.
- 18) **Has the camp been approved by state and local health agencies?** Yes. The camp will be certified by the New Jersey Department of Health and our Local Health Authority (Bloomfield Health & Human Services).
- 19) **Have the camp counselors been trained?** Yes. The staff has been trained on the basic principles of emergency first aid, blood borne pathogens, infection control, hand washing practices, personal protective equipment (PPE) and COVID-19 signs and symptoms. The staff to camper ratio will be at least 1 counselor:5 campers (ages 5-12). The staff will be provided with an adequate amount of personal protective equipment (PPE), and an adequate supply of cleaning supplies will be maintained. There will always be at least one certified First Aid/CPR staff member on duty. Camp staff will assist in contact tracing by recording assigned staff and daily attendance.
- 20) **Will staff and campers be screened for temperature and symptoms of COVID-19?**
Parents/caregivers are strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs of illness every day, as they are the “front line” for assessing illness in their children. Please see 2021 Glen Ridge Summer Day Camp Health Screening Form to screen your camper at home. You must sign and send the form with your child for admittance to Glen Ridge Summer Day Camp. Camp staff will screen campers if not screened by parent/guardian prior to arrival. The screening will include a temperature check and symptoms questionnaire. Campers that have a fever of 100.4° or above or other signs of COVID-19 illness will not be admitted to the camp.
- 21) **What are the day camp’s infection control strategies?** As per the State of New Jersey Department of Health, day camp staff will implement the following prevention and mitigation strategies to slow and limit COVID-19 exposure and spread:
- a) Communicate and educate staff, parents, and campers in COVID-19 safety measures including:
 - Staying home when ill
 - Proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
 - Wearing face coverings
 - Avoiding touching your face as much as possible
 - Reporting illnesses and symptoms to the camp staff immediately
 - b) Handwashing and hand sanitizer stations will be provided.

- c) Staff will conduct enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedures using EPA approved disinfectants and following CDC guidance.
- d) Staff will discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect.
- e) Day camp will limit any non-essential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as much as possible. Visitors, including parent/guardians at drop off and pick up, shall be required to wear cloth face coverings while visiting the camp unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health.
- f) The camp will establish an isolation space in the event a counselor or camper reports COVID-19 symptoms. The ill person will immediately be separated from the well people until the ill person can leave the camp. Staff will close off areas used by a sick person and will not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them (this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area, if applicable).
- g) If/when an individual tests positive for COVID-19, the camp will immediately notify local health officials and follow the prescribed protocol. Parents/guardians will be notified if/when such a situation occurs. Local health officials will provide direction if a camp closure is warranted, following the identification of positive case(s) at the youth camp.
- h) The camp staff will post signage/pictures about social distancing, handwashing, face coverings, and other prevention methods.
- i) Camp staff will conduct routine daily cleaning or as much as possible of common surfaces such as playgrounds with shared playground equipment and rooms (ex: countertops, restrooms, etc.) and shared objects.
- j) The camp will follow procedure for deep cleaning that follow CDC guidelines for reopening a camp closed due to the identification of positive case(s) as recommended by CDC.