

PRINCETON FAMILY YMCA

Making Awesome and Super Kids!

2020 SUMMER DAY CAMP FAQs

What will be the Y's Day Camp season this year?

Camp will begin Monday, July 6 and run through Friday, September 4, 2020. Our fun, enriching and safe Summer Day Camp will operate daily from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm on the Princeton Family YMCA's field, offering nine theme-based weeks for children entering grades 1 through 7.

How will camp be different in this Covid-19 environment?

Our Day Camp will be limited to 120 campers on site, broken into six groups of 20 children who will remain with their counselors and not mix with other groups. Activities will be mainly conducted outdoors, unless there is inclement weather, and groups will rotate through activities based on a daily schedule. Face coverings will be required in certain circumstances, but campers and counselors will not be required to wear face coverings when they are within their groups and physically distancing outside.

Unfortunately daily swimming will not be included because indoor pools are not yet allowed to operate, by the Governor's executive order. However, if this changes, we will adjust the schedule and associated safety protocols to provide a daily swimming experience.

What will be the same about camp?

All of our favorite traditions will continue: theme-based weeks with creative activities and lots of surprises, morning community, weekly BBQs, a staff of friendly and seasoned counselors returning to welcome campers back, Mr. Derek and Mr. Paul, silly games on the field and in the gym, arts and crafts, enriching STEM activities, contests, skills and drills on the NEW outdoor basketball court, and unstructured play time (always a favorite!)

How can a camp experience support my child, especially now?

In addition to providing critical opportunities for children to be physically active - after so much time indoors, camp is the ideal setting for them to grow in social-emotional learning. Research confirms that the most effective environments are where kids have a sense of physical and emotional well-being, a strong sense of belonging, and are engaged — affectively, behaviorally, and cognitively. During this pandemic, children need these experiences more than ever – and we are very happy to provide that safe, enriching and engaging place for our campers and their families.

Specifically, what kinds of safety protocols will be in place this summer?

Day Camp has been planned and organized to meet standards outlined by the New Jersey Department of Health, in compliance with Princeton's health department, and in consultation with the New Jersey YMCA State Alliance to reduce the spread of Covid-19 and to minimize risk.

Monitoring Amazing Safe Kids

What to pack and plan for this summer at YMCA Camp.

The Princeton Family YMCA is committed to providing a safe, exciting, enriching summer camp program, with counselors that are eager to lead your camper in games, crafts, songs, science, dancing, and more!

social distance

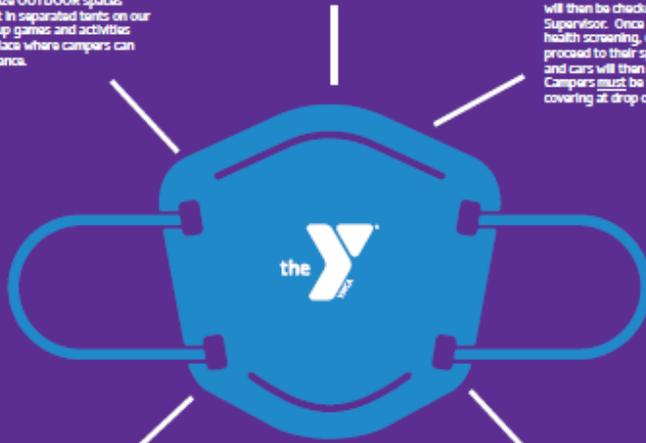
Maximum group sizes are 20 campers per group. Groups will mainly utilize OUTDOOR spaces spread out in separated tents on our field. Group games and activities will take place where campers can social distance.

health checks

Before entering camp, campers will have their temperature checked and asked a few screening questions by our Health Supervisor each morning. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4 degrees or showing any symptoms of illness may not attend camp.

car line

To ensure safety, we will be doing camper pick up and drop off in a car line formation. Please safely pull into the parking lot and head towards the back of the parking lot near the playground. Cars will be greeted by a YMCA staff member to assist them out of the car. Campers will then be checked in by the Health Supervisor. Once campers pass the health screening, campers will then proceed to their specific grade tent and cars will then be able to leave. Campers must be wearing their face covering at drop off / pick up.



cleaning & supplies

Activities that promote distancing will be emphasized throughout the camp day as much as possible. Camp equipment will be designated per group as much as possible to limit sharing of items. Equipment that is shared will be disinfected thoroughly between each use. All campers and staff will wash/sanitize hands between every activity block throughout the camp day. All camp spaces will be thoroughly disinfected at the end of each camp day.

personal belongings

Campers should wear comfortable, closed-toe athletic shoes (no crocs) to camp each day. Sandals are not permitted. Also dress campers in appropriate summer "play clothes." Daily arts and crafts and outdoor activities may cause children to get messy!

Send your child with the following labeled items daily:

- Backpack
- Lunch
- Sunscreen
- Face Mask and Hat
- Reusable water bottle

face coverings

All campers and staff are required to wear face coverings whenever utilizing indoor spaces or in outdoor spaces when distancing is not possible. Face coverings are not required in outdoor spaces when distancing is practiced. Campers must bring their own face coverings each day. The Y will have extra face masks on hand in the event a replacement is necessary.

- Our Health & Safety Supervisors will be on site to take temperatures on arrival, monitor for symptoms throughout the day, and report directly to the camp director.

- Sign in and sign out will happen via a car line drop off system. Please be patient with us as you are lined up in the car line as we are required to do daily health checks when a camper gets out of the car and before the parent/guardian drives away. Face coverings will be required for staff, campers and families during pick up and drop off.

- Campers and staff will be required to wear face coverings when they are outside their groups and are unable to practice social distancing. Within their groups, they will not be required to wear face covering.

- Please see page 4 (illustration) of the 2020 Summer Camp Brochure to read in detail about the protocols and procedures to be implemented.

Why does American Camping Association Accreditation make a difference?

Our camp is accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA) which sets the highest standards for camps in the nation. ACA Accreditation means that your child's camp cares enough to undergo a thorough review of its operations - from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. This important seal of approval means we comply with up to 300 health, safety and program quality standards set by the ACA.

Will financial assistance be available?

The heart of the Y's mission is to reach out and serve all people in our communities. As a community-based and inclusive organization, we provide financial assistance to qualifying individuals because we believe our programs and services should be available to everyone. We use the proceeds from our Annual Campaign to support financial assistance - neighbors helping neighbors. If you wish to learn more, please contact Matt Boyd at mboyd@princetonymca.org for more information.