



SUMMER CAMP

WHAT'S NEXT?



As you may be aware, yesterday evening the Governor outlined in greater detail his Phase 1 plan for recovery.

In summary during phase 1

- ◆ Day camps must operate in compliance with NCDHHS guidelines
- ◆ Day camps and programs may not allow sports except for sports where close contact is not required, and day camps may not allow activities where campers would not maintain at least six (6) feet social distancing from one another.
- ◆ Day camps may permit swimming by camp attendees, local health departments may permit the pool's usage for attendees of the day camp, but not for the general public.
- ◆ No overnight camps. Overnight camps and programs for children or adults may not operate

Phase 1 continues until May 22nd 2020. The end of this Order does not necessarily mean the state will move to Phase 2. Phase 1 will be extended unless data shows the state is prepared to move to Phase 2. Phase 2 will likely open more businesses to the public. Social distancing, hand hygiene, and use of cloth face coverings will still be recommended. Depending on state COVID-19 trends, restrictions may be lifted more slowly or some restrictions might have to be re-instated to ensure the health and safety of North Carolinians.

What we can tell you

- ◆ Given the uncertainty surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and whether phase 2 or 3 will allow for resident camps we have made the difficult decision to cancel our 3 overnight camp programs. The programs included: The Amazing Race, A Joyous Nosis and, Night Owl. This will also impact our Rookie Camp program since these group of campers were scheduled to enjoy 1 overnight at camp. All parents directly impacted by this decision will be notified individually. Instead of overnight camp we have decided to replace these 3 weeks only with extended day camp for rising 5th - 9th grades. This will be at a reduced fee. More information will be forthcoming on our website.
- ◆ We will be limiting the number of campers that we can take each week. These numbers will be based on the direction provided by the Governor as we transition through the reopen phases. It is imperative that you sign up now during our risk-free-registration. This will guarantee a place for your child at camp without a financial obligation at that time, since full payment will be delayed prior to the beginning of a camp session.
- ◆ Our staff have been hired and will receive additional training on the new health and safety rules that day camps will be required to follow.
- ◆ We are working on policies and procedures that will be incorporated within our summer camp programming and operational structure. This will include daily temperature checks for both campers and staff, hand washing stations and additional cleaning between groups. Other changes that will safeguard minimal contact between groups include but are not limited to: check in, pick up, lunch time, and break time procedures.

Our camper and staff health and safety is our top priority as we try to ensure a wonderful summer camp experience.

The unknown is difficult, since we are all used to planning and we know this is frustrating.

What we do know is that we are moving forward with adapting our program, updating our policies and procedures, and updating our staff training material with health and safety guidelines from the CDC, State, and our Local officials.

Hang in there with us. We are as excited about summer camp as you are!