



THE SKY FAMILY YMCA SUMMER CAMP NEWS

SUMMER 2021

WHAT ABOUT MASKS?

WATCH FOR CHANGING GUIDELINES THROUGHOUT
THE SUMMER

After a year of isolation, we know that many children are looking forward to summer camp with more than the usual excitement. Whether they have been stuck at home, blocked from recess or kept distant from friends, camp will offer a chance to escape their parents' and teachers' closer-than-usual supervision and connect with their peers.

But of course, the pandemic is not over, and many campers will still be unvaccinated, so camp won't look the

way it did back in 2019. So what mask protocols will be in place this summer?

At The SKY Family YMCA, your child's safety is our number one priority. We appreciate the trust your family and all our diverse camper families place in us and will be following CDC informed local school district guidelines for all of our camps.

As guidance changes, we will be sure to communicate any changes in our camp procedures with you through emails and signage at your camp location.

All children will be asked to wear masks for the following occasions:

- When being transported on a YMCA bus**
- When indoors and social distancing cannot be achieved**

If mask use interferes with your child's physical wellbeing, please be sure to alert our camp leadership staff to this matter prior to your registration.

We thank you in advance for your support in respecting all of our camper families and ask that you please share

CAMPS ARE FILLING UP FAST—DON'T MISS
OUT
REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP
TODAY!

OUR PEOPLE

Dear Y Families,

At the heart of our programming is our Camp Counselor team. An outstanding camp counselor is a person you remember your entire life. Somewhere in between teacher, babysitter, and confidante, this individual is going to be a role model and guiding force for the entire summer and beyond.

We are incredibly proud of our counselors, young people who work hard all year long in their respective fields, who are dedicated to the principles of camp. From among these talented individuals your camper may find a role model in a specific academic or extracurricular field. To find an older friend who shares a passion for, say, painting, cooking, anatomy, or dance is a huge gift to a child. She can see what it might look like to pursue a passion at the college or professional level.

Because the camp environment fosters relationships between Counselors and Campers that are so special and often enduring, our staff selection and training process is very thorough and follows the following criteria:

- 1) Staff applications are hand selected from a pool of applicants for their enthusiasm, creativity, and sense of responsibility
- 2) All applicants go through two rounds of interviews and are then extensively screened
- 3) Based on the results of at least three reference checks, fingerprinting for state and national criminal history records, and drug screenings, they are then offered a position in our camps.
- 4) Following a successful application, counselors then spend at least 35 hours in training in all the areas they'll need to ensure a safe and successful summer camp experience for all.
 - ☑ Topics covered in staff training include CPR, First Aid/AED and Child Abuse Prevention trainings along with training in the areas of working with children, behavior management, conflict resolution, group supervision, risk management and programming.

You should not be surprised if your camper comes home gushing about one counselor or many. A role model for life is just one of the many gifts you are giving your child by sending her to a Y Camp. **Questions about any of our camp staff?** Give us a call, send an email, or stop by just to say Hey! to our camp staff during office hours M-F 9am-5pm.

Thanks for reading!

Kyrstin Keyso
Youth Program Director



DON'T SKIP THE WAIT LIST!

DID YOU MISS YOUR FIRST CHOICE CAMP WHEN REGISTERING?

Be sure to add yourself to the waitlist online to be notified if a space is available! Although we cannot guarantee any openings, you will be **first to know** if a space opens up in this camp.