



Westborough Community Education Summer Programs FAQ's*

*FAQs will be updated as information is updated.

When will the Summer Day Camp start?

The Summer Day Camp is scheduled to start Monday, July 6th, 2020. This date could change based on state regulations.

What are the camp hours?

The Summer Day Camp hours are 9:00am – 4:00pm. AM and PM Care will **NOT** be running this summer. Drop-off will begin at 8:45am and pick-up will begin at 3:45pm.

What is camp going to look like this summer?

Now, more than ever, we understand the need for children to be at camp. With that in mind, this summer will not be a typical camp experience. While we are doing everything we can to make camp fun, activities will be limited to ensure proper social distancing among campers, staff, and camp groups. Program modifications include individual materials (markers, crayons, colored pencils) for each camper, limitations to group sports, and other adjustments. Campers will be placed into groups of ten children with consistent counselors for the week.

Why was the cost of the camp increased?

Camp tuition was increased for the 2020 summer to help defray the cost of implementing new safety procedures required under Massachusetts guidelines, including PPE, individual supplies for campers, and sanitizing and cleaning supplies.

What should my child bring to camp each day?

- Water bottle (Campers will not be able to use on-site water fountains. To avoid contamination, water fountains will strictly be used by staff to refill water bottles who will be in proper PPE)
- A bagged lunch
- Face coverings
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Change of clothes

How will drop-off/pick-up work?

We will establish a rolling drop-off/pick-up procedure and are finalizing these plans to allow for proper social distancing. Parents/guardians will be asked to wait in their cars and will be required to wear a face covering. Campers will remain in their vehicles until a camp staff has cleared them for camp.

All staff, families, and campers will need to self-screen at home prior to coming to the program each day. Self-screening will include checking for symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath, gastrointestinal symptoms, new loss of taste/smell, muscle aches, or any other symptoms that feel like a cold. Anyone with a fever of 100.0°F or above, or any other signs of illness will not be permitted to enter our camp.

Parents/Guardians will be required to submit a signed health questionnaire that they have completed these checks on themselves and family members, each day, and list any possible exposure to COVID-19 prior to their child(ren) joining their camp group.

Parents/guardians who decline to complete the screening questionnaire will NOT be permitted to enter the program.

What if I need to pick up my child early from camp?

Parents/guardians will NOT be allowed in the building during camp hours. If you need to pick your child up early, please provide a note to the staff at Drop-Off, call the Summer Camp Office at 508-425-1589, or send an email to WCEP@westboroughk12.org. When you arrive to pick up your child, you MUST remain in your car and call the Summer Camp Office at 508-425-1589. A staff member will escort your child to your vehicle. Please be prepared to show a valid photo ID. Please note that it may take a few minutes for your child to gather their belongings and be escorted to your vehicle. If possible, please refrain from picking-up early unless absolutely necessary. The end of the day is a very busy time for us.

Will campers be required to wear face coverings?

Staff, parents/guardians, and campers are required to wear face coverings whenever 6 feet of social distancing is not possible.

Families will be required to provide their own supply of face coverings for their campers. If supplying a reusable and washable face covering, they must be washed daily. Campers' masks should be clearly marked with the child's name on it.

Are the CIT and Jr. Staff Programs running?

Unfortunately, we have made the decision to cancel our CIT and Jr. Staff program for the 2020 summer. These programs involve hands-on training for teens, moving throughout different camp groups, and learning the ins-and-outs of being a camp counselor. Given the guidelines set forth by the state, we could not adequately run these programs and give teens the proper CIT/Jr. Staff experience.

What about Summer Enrichment programs?

In-person summer enrichment programs will not be running due to program restrictions. However, we will be offering some enrichment programs online. Details can be found on our website.

What is the policy if a camper or staff member shows symptoms of COVID-19?

If a camper or staff is showing any signs of sickness, he/she will be immediately isolated and sent home as soon as possible. Parents/guardians/emergency contacts will be contacted and will be asked to pick up their child immediately.

Do I have to provide a health record?

Yes. In order to participate in our Summer Day Camp, each camper will be required to have a Health Record, including immunizations, on file with Westborough Community Education. A copy of these records must be obtained from your child's physician and given to the Community Ed office two weeks prior to your child starting camp. The health record must be from within the past 18 months.

Can you guarantee my camper won't be exposed to the virus?

While we will be doing everything we can to manage and minimize the risk associated with campers and counselors being in a group together, there can be no guarantee. We simply cannot eliminate the risk of possible exposure.

What can parents/guardians do to help?

Please share with your campers the changes to camp and the importance of our modifications to activities, proper handwashing and sanitizing, and the use of face coverings before they arrive at camp. Camp will look very different this year and we want campers to be prepared for the changes that are going to be in place.

What if camp is running but I am not comfortable sending my child to the program?

The health and safety of our campers, families, and staff is our number one priority. However, we understand that some families may not feel comfortable sending their child to camp this summer. If you have registered for camp and would like to cancel your registration, please email us and let us know. Because there are limited spaces this year, we are asking you let us know as soon as possible that you would like to cancel your registration so that we can offer that spot to another family who may need care.