



New Haven Parks & Recreation Summer 2020 Information

Schedule

- Camp will be offered for 4 weeks: 2 sessions of 2 weeks (Session 1 July 13-July 24) (Session 2 July 27 - August 7)
- Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3 PM
- Please note that most buildings are not air conditioned and Camps will be spending as much time outside as weather permits.
- AM and PM care are not available, the only hours we are open are 9:00 AM - 3 PM.
 - *As you can see from this lengthy document, there are a lot of details that go into camp this summer.*
- **Children ages 5 - 15 may be enrolled in camp.** Children must be 5 by July 13 to be eligible (***no exceptions***).

Registration Fee

- Registration fee per session is \$100.00 for City Camp, \$125.00 for Performance Camp, Tiny Tots, & Eco Jr Camps and \$150.00 for Eco Extreme.
- Payment is due at the time of registration (No Personal Checks Accepted)
- A late fee of \$25.00 will be charged for every 15 minutes that a camper is late being picked up. The fee must be paid before a camper comes back to camp.

Activities (no contact sports: basketball, football and etc)

- Science Activities
- Outdoor Adventures (Eco Camps)
- Nature Walks
- Arts & Crafts
- Reading/Art
- Plays/skits
- Games

Camp Staff

- One of the strengths of Camp is our experienced staff. Each group of 10 campers will be led by 2 staff who have experience at New Haven Parks & Recreation.
- We are planning for each camp to be led by camp directors that will be on site to provide administrative and logistical support to all groups. All Directors are CPR & First Aid Certified.



Clifford Beers Clinic is excited to be partnering with the New Haven city camps for a fourth year! Clifford Beers' staff will provide support for selected camps and campers with such things as coping with stress, making friends, how to problem solve and much more. Clifford Beers has a strong partnership with New Haven Public Schools and the City of New Haven and has helped enhance the social and emotional supports for our children in our schools. We are thrilled to have them continue their support for students over the summer!

Camp Groups

- We plan to serve 20 Campers per camp with 2 groups of 10.
- **Campers will stay in the same group of 10 children and 2 staff all summer.** There will be no mixing between groups at all, such that children and staff are only exposed to those in their immediate group. Groups of 10 campers will NOT have shared arrival, dismissal, lunch, or play time with other groups.

What health measures is New Haven Parks & Recreation taking to protect campers and staff?

The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) is the State agency that licenses summer camps. We will be following their guidance.

- Each group will have their own indoor and outdoor meeting spaces, as well as their own arrival/dismissal spot. There will be no interaction between groups of 10. Even on rainy days, each group will have their own classroom and sets of art supplies, games, etc., to maintain separation between groups.
- We will be following all recommended cleaning procedures, including cleaning of bathrooms, door handles, and any high touch surfaces throughout the day.
- All staff will wear a mask when indoors and when within 6 feet of campers or staff when outdoors. Current health guidance allows for masks to be removed when outside and at least 6 feet from others, and for the safety of our staff working in the summer heat, we will be encouraging staff to take mask breaks outside, when they are at a safe distance from others.
- Campers and staff will wash hands with soap and water frequently, and hand sanitizer will also be available in all activity areas.
- We will have contactless drop off and pick up for campers. Parents will not be allowed to exit their car at drop off or pick up.
- Campers and staff will have their temperature taken upon arrival and no one will be admitted with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more.
- The OEC is not currently recommending routine COVID-19 tests for staff who appear healthy. Staff who feel sick or who have a temperature will stay home (and will contact their doctor for guidance on testing), and we have plans for back-up staff.

Is it safe for children to attend camp?

- Strict adherence to all OEC guidelines for the operation of camps does not guarantee a risk-free camp environment. All campers and staff are at risk for being exposed to coronavirus and contracting COVID-19. Our operations are intended to minimize and contain that risk as much as possible.
- The OEC requires all parents to sign a waiver acknowledging their understanding of the risks.

Do campers need to wear masks or distance from each other?

- Each group of 10 campers and 2 staff will operate like a family unit. Per OEC guidelines, **children are NOT expected to keep physical distance from one another within their group of 10.** Of course, we will enforce handwashing and other good hygiene measures, but we will not prohibit children from interacting within their group. Unnecessary, excessive contact (like games that involve hugging or wrestling or whispering into ears) will be redirected to other ways of playing, but campers should experience social interaction within their group as mostly normal.
- While adults will wear a mask when within 6 feet of others, **we will not be requiring campers to wear masks but encourage them to do so**, and current guidelines from the OEC do not require that children wear masks. You may send your child with a mask, but we cannot enforce the proper and safe wearing of the mask, and cannot be responsible for ensuring that your child wears the mask.

What happens on rainy days?

- We will operate as usual in the rain, enjoying primarily indoor activities!
- Staff will wear masks always when indoors. Campers may be sent with or choose to wear a mask (recommended, for indoor days). We will encourage campers to wear masks when indoors on rainy days, but cannot strictly enforce their proper wearing and use.

What happens if there is a COVID positive case?

- If a child presents with a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms, we will contact the Health Department and follow their guidance.
- There will be a lower threshold for sending a camper home for relatively mild symptoms like persistent coughing or sneezing. While these may be, allergy induced, coughing and sneezing can be infectious and even mild illness or allergies may result in the need for a doctor's note to return to camp.
- If a child, staff person, or household member of a camper or staff person has a COVID-19 positive test, we will notify the Health Department and follow their guidance for cleaning, closure of individual groups, and notification of families.
- Families and staff are required to notify New Haven Parks & Recreation immediately of any COVID-19 positive case in their household while camp is open, or in the 2 days after camp ends for the season.

What we ask of you as parents:

We are in this together! We are on your team, trying to give kids a healthy, normal-ish summer. We need all enrolled camp families to be on board with the following:

- We will all have new routines to learn. We will need parents to **read the information we send and comply with all policies and directions**. We cannot do this without all of us on board to participate in communication. If you got this far in the FAQ, you can do this!
- We have some small requests for **supplies you will need to provide**: a water bottle for your camper with a covered mouthpiece, sunscreen, bug spray & mask.

We are limited in activities and Schedules.

- Our routines will look very different from what your child may remember or be expecting.
- We have no flexibility with activity choices and schedules. Campers will still enjoy almost all the usual New Haven Park & Recreation activities, but their choices between preferred activities and play areas throughout each day will be substantially limited. Campers will need to stay with their group, and group activities and use of specific spaces are scheduled and not flexible due to the need for disinfection of spaces between groups, per CDC and OEC regulations.
- Adults will be wearing masks, and we know that may make understanding and interpreting communication and social cues very difficult.

Orientation

- **We will be requiring campers and parent to attend a mandatory ZOOM orientation on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00pm. You will be receiving the link at the email account you have given us at the time of registration.**

How to Register. You must sign up for an appointment on Sign up Genius with the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4aa4aa22a4fa7-summer>

Once given an appointment bring the following documents to 720 Edgewood Ave, New Haven:

- Health Examination form dated January 2019 or later.
- Copies of child's birth certificate
- Copies of parent or guardian official photo identification, with address (Driver's license, Elm City ID, state-issued ID, utility bill and/or phone bill)
- **New Haven Residents Only**