

**EPRD SUMMER DAY CAMP**  
**CAMP GUIDELINE FOR PARENTS & CAMPERS:**  
**Helpful reminders for daily camp activities, field trips and more...**

Welcome to EPRD 2021 Summer Day camp! Safety for our campers and staff is our first priority, to that end we are following the RI Department of health and CDC Covid-19 guidelines in an effort to make everyone's summer camp experience a safe and memorable one. Please note, that if state guidelines change, adjustments to the program will be made as needed.

We have created this list of helpful tips for parents, campers and staff. Parents, we ask that you please review all of this information carefully and share it with your child.

**OVERVIEW:**

**EPRD Summer Camp will be held at Pierce Field, 210 Mercer St. To limit the amount of campers in each group, we are only taking 6-week camp registrations this year. Camp will run Monday - Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm, June 28 – August 6, 2021, (No camp July 5th)**

**WEATHER PERMITTING.**

EPRD Summer Day Camp will feature a day full of camp activities that include special events, arts and crafts, sports, games and if possible local field trips for children ages 6 – 12 (age as of September 1, 2021). Important information regarding Summer Camp is outlined below. Please feel free to contact the Department's main office at (401) 435-7511 or the Recreation Center Supervisor at (401) 270-1769 if you have any questions.

- ❖ Camp registration is available online <https://eastprovidence.recdesk.com>  
Phone registrations, mail in or faxes are not accepted.
- ❖ Registration fee will be \$450 for the 6-week session per child. \$225 deposit /payment is required at registration. Final payment is due by July 9, 2021. You can make payment online at <https://eastprovidence.recdesk.com>
- ❖ **NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CAMP WITHOUT A COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM.**
- ❖ *Transportation is not provided to and from camp. Children must be dropped off and picked up. East Providence Recreation is not responsible for participants until they are signed in with staff.*
- ❖ EPRD Summer Camp is not a licensed day care nor is the City of East Providence licensed to provide child care services through the Department of Children and Youth and their Families (DCYF). As such, the City cannot provide Federal Employer I.D. # for tax purposes.
- ❖ Due to the Co-Vid 19 crisis, when possible we will try and keep siblings in the same groups.

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES:**

**DROP OFF:**

- ❖ There will be a designated drop off area for each color group.
- ❖ Parents and Campers will be screened at check in to confirm that neither their child nor anyone in their household has been ill or have Covid-19 symptoms.

Campers will be checked for fevers at check in and immediately clean their hands before joining their stable group. *(If the camper has a temperature of 100F or more they will be excluded from camp and cannot return until they are completely free of symptoms for 72 hours, and 7 days have passed since their first symptoms started per the RIDOH COVID-19 CHILD ILLNESS POLIC*

### **PICK- UP:**

- ❖ Parent will drive up to designated pick up area and stay in their car, a camp supervisor will check your ID and will go get the camper for dismissal.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

- ❖ In the event of a rainy day, camp will be canceled due to not having an indoor facility available for use.
- ❖ If rain is forecasted for the morning camp will be closed for the morning. Please check in at 11:30am @ 435-7511 or 433-6360 to see if camp will open for the afternoon.
- ❖ If rain is forecasted for the afternoon, Camp will close for the afternoon. Campers will need to be picked up between 12-12:30pm or TBA
- ❖ For unexpected emergency severe weather related conditions camp will be moved to Agnes B. Hennessey Elementary School, located at 75 Fort St. **Parents are required to pick up campers ASAP.** Each group will have their own assigned space in the cafeteria to wait for parent pick up. *Campers should have a face covering to use daily and especially for inclement weather as the chance is higher to have unavoidable close interaction between stable groups.*

### **DAILY ACTIVITIES:**

- ❖ Campers will be separated in groups by color. Campers will only have contact with their respective stable group. No inter group contact per RIDOH guidelines.
- ❖ **Campers will be given 2 T-shirts in their group color that MUST BE WORN EVERY DAY TO ATTEND CAMP!** This will help the staff make sure of social distancing between groups.
- ❖ Campers and staff will follow screening procedures set by the RIDOH and CDC daily to include verbal screening and temperature checks at the beginning of shift and check-in to camp. Camper's temperature must be below 100.0 to attend camp.
- ❖ Once campers have completed the screening process they will immediately clean their hands.
- ❖ Hand washing will be done throughout the day and hand sanitizer will be available in each group area and encouraged to be used regularly.
- ❖ Staff are required to wear cloth face coverings as feasible and when 6ft distancing is unavoidable.

- ❖ Campers are not required to wear face covering while with their stable group, however they should bring one every day to use during drop off and pick up times or when unavoidable close interaction between stable groups happen.
- ❖ Visitors and/or observers are discouraged from visiting camp during COVID -19 crisis to limit possible exposure to children and camp staff. Any individual who must visit camp will be screened for symptoms, wear a face covering and document their visit in our visitors log.
- ❖ Cleaning and disinfection of all play surfaces and equipment will be done throughout the camp day.
- ❖ Free lunch is provided Monday – Friday.
- ❖ If your child is not going to get the free lunch, please be sure to send your child with a full lunch, plenty of snacks and drinks for the entire day. We suggest that you use an insulated bag or small cooler since there is no refrigeration on site.
- ❖ **All children are required to bring enough drinks for the entire day and a reusable bottle to fill as needed.**
- ❖ If your child is getting free lunch, it is still suggested that you send extra snacks and a reusable bottle that can be refilled at the water fountain when needed.
- ❖ **Children are NOT allowed to share food.**
- ❖ Children should come to camp with proper footwear and clothing for the planned activity. If it's a “water day”, we suggest a towel and bathing suit, as well as dry clothes to change into. Don't forget a sweatshirt if it's cold
- ❖ Please be sure to write your child's name on all of his/ her belongings, including clothes, water bottle, lunch bags, coolers, etc. (this will help identify items left behind at camp).
- ❖ Children should have sunscreen applied before camp and bring a bottle to use throughout the day. Hats are suggested as well.

### **FIELD TRIPS:**

***\*DUE TO GUIDELINES FROM RIDOH AND THE CDC ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE ON HOLD UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE***

- ❖ Field trips and special activities may be limited due to Department of health guidelines this year. When possible local field trips will be offered to each individual stable group.
- ❖ Field trips will be publicized in advance and reservations made on a first come first pay basis. **Space on each field trip cannot be guaranteed.** Field trip fees and special activity fees are NOT included in the registration fee. Fees must be in cash and correct change would be greatly appreciated. CHECKS WILL NOT be accepted.
- ❖ Please send your child with appropriate clothing for the field trip as well as a full lunch with enough drinks for the entire day.
- ❖ We suggest that if you send your child with “spending money” for a trip that you place all money in a zip lock bag, small envelope or wallet with your child's name clearly printed on it. Please note that children are responsible for keeping their own money with them.
- ❖ As a safety measure, the “BUDDY SYSTEM” is implemented on all field trips. Campers will have a specific partner or “buddy” to discourage children from wandering off or

swimming alone. One buddy should always know where the other is. Groups of three are acceptable if one child is unable to find a buddy or if there are an odd number of campers. If a camper is unable to find a buddy, a supervisor will assign one for him/her.

### **BE SAFE:**

- ❖ Campers will be required to stay in the supervised stable group area. If the campers are intentionally leaving the area, parents will be notified and the disciplinary procedure will be followed.
- ❖ Please do not climb on trees, on the outside of playground equipment or along any fencing.
- ❖ When indoors walk to and from the bathroom- floor may be slippery
- ❖ Listen to counselors – if they are telling you to do or not to do something it is for your own good. We are here to make sure you are safe and have fun!
- ❖ If something happens that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, if you notice something that looks unsafe, please tell a counselor right away.
- ❖ Shoes must be worn at all times while at camp (this is at the discretion of the Recreation Supervisor during water play).
- ❖ Children should not share hats.
- ❖ Sharing of food or beverages is prohibited due to Department of health guidelines and also, there are campers who have allergies and could get very sick if you do!

### **BE KIND:**

- ❖ Be respectful – Treat others the way you would want to be treated.
- ❖ Use kind words – NO TEASING!
- ❖ NO VIOLENCE! (Hitting, slapping, kicking, biting, etc.)
- ❖ Include everyone in your stable group in clubs or games.
- ❖ Do not take other people's property
- ❖ Be kind to all Parks & Recreation Staff! Remember, it is a privilege to use the playground!
- ❖ Clean up your messes.
- ❖ Use the bathroom in the proper way.
  - Put paper towels in the garbage.
  - If you spill water on the floor, clean it up.
  - If something is broken please tell a staff person

### **PLAY FAIR:**

- ❖ Follow the rules for the game you are playing – If you don't know the rules, ask someone to explain them.
- ❖ Be honest at all times – If you get out, you're out.
- ❖ Be a good sport – That means a good loser and /or a good winner.
- ❖ Share and take turns
- ❖ Don't take advantage of other people.
- ❖ Don't blame other people without reason.
- ❖ Be opened minded.

**BUS RULES:** Please note: these are basic rules to abide by – Individual drivers may have additional rules to follow.

- ❖ **ALL CHILDREN & STAFF WILL FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES SET BY RIDOH and CDC FOR ALL BUS TRIPS.**
- ❖ Children must remain in their seats at all times while the bus is moving and until it is time to get off the bus.
- ❖ Never throw anything out the window or inside the bus.
- ❖ Children are not to make any gestures to passing vehicles or persons.
- ❖ Children are to keep their hands inside the bus.

**ITEMS NOT PERMITTED AT CAMP:**

- ❖ **ELECTRONICS** – Children are not permitted to bring any electronics (i.e., Tablets, IPODS, etc.) This will help prevent items from being lost, stolen or broken.

**CELL PHONES:**

- ❖ While we can certainly appreciate the need for children to have cell phones to use in the event of an emergency, we ask that they **DO NOT** use them for texting, emailing, taking pictures or videos or “just because”. They have become a distraction for some. Campers are also not allowed to use staff phones for any reason unless staff deems it to be an emergency. Should staff determine that the phones are becoming an issue, they will take them for the day and hand them back when the child leaves.

**GENERAL REMINDERS:**

Our camp follows our own 3 –step disciplinary process (as stated in the Camp Guidelines when you registered). Children will be given warnings by staff should their behavior be deemed unacceptable. It is the policy that after 3 warnings, a child will be disciplined and parents will be informed. Child will be suspended from the program for a determined amount of time. If the problem persists, the child will be dismissed for the remainder of the program.

The staff may limit or exclude participation based upon stamina, maturity and/or age restriction. Due to the number of participants, Camp cannot provide individualized attention and supervision. Participants will be asked to stay within the supervised area. If participants are intentionally leaving the area of supervision, parents will be notified and the disciplinary procedure will be followed.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In the past staff has noticed that there has been an issue with children using inappropriate language/ gestures while at camp. It is for this reason that ANY child who’s language or gestures that are rude, crude, inappropriate, or in any way hurtful or harmful to another they will face an automatic 1 day suspension from camp. We encourage you to speak to your child about this as well as the other information contained on these pages.

**We appreciate your cooperation in helping make this summer a great one for campers and staff! Should you have any questions please feel free to speak to the Recreation Supervisor on site or you may call the Recreation office @ 401-435-7500.**