



City of Whitehorse

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Dear Summer Day Camp Parents and Guardians,

If you are receiving this letter, your child is registered in our City of Whitehorse **Spitfires** summer day camp program. Last week, the Chief Medical Officer approved our COVID-19 operational plan for camps, which means camps will be running.

To ensure the safety of participants, camp leaders, and anyone else involved with our programs, we are following the recommended summer day camp guidelines that the Yukon Government has outlined online here: <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/yukon-covid-19-summer-day-camp-guidelines>.

This summer will look different, but it will still be FUN! Our camp team is working hard to plan new games and activities and modifying familiar ones to ensure we are maintaining physical distancing. You can still expect camp to include a variety of crafts, scavenger hunts, relay races, circle games, sing-a-longs, and trips to nearby parks and playgrounds.

Additionally, the following changes have been implemented to our summer day camp programs:

#### **Camp Location**

Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre – Grey Mountain Room  
1 Sumanik Dr, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6T1

#### **Camp Hours**

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Drop-off: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Pick-up: 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

I understand this is a big change, but it is necessary to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 by ensuring camp leaders have a sufficient amount of time at the end of each day to clean and disinfect all equipment, frequently touched surfaces, materials, supplies, etc.

#### **Camp Pods**

Children in each camp age group will be divided into “pods” of 8 or less and assigned a “pod” camp leader for the week.





### **Access to the facility**

Only camp participants can enter the facility. Parents, guardians, and any authorized pick-up persons will be instructed to wait outside the camp entrance during drop-off and pick-up.

### **Participant Profile Forms**

The current Participant Profile Form will be updated to include COVID-19 information. It will be available soon and emailed out to everyone. Participant Profile Forms must be submitted to a camp leader during drop-off on a child's first day. Camp participants will not be allowed to enter camp until parents/guardians complete all sections of the form with accurate information.

### **Screening for Symptoms**

Staff and children must be screened for COVID-19 like symptoms before entering camp each day. It is the responsibility of the parents to screen their children prior to drop-off and a camp leader will confirm that they have performed the screening and record it on the attendance. A daily screening questionnaire will be included in the updated Participant Profile Form.

### **Isolation Areas**

A designated isolated area at camp will be kept for any child who starts to run a temperature, begins coughing excessively, or running a fever. They will remain in isolation and will be monitored by a camp leader or facility staff member until a parent arrives to bring them home.

### **Drop-off/Pick-up Location and Procedure**

The camp entrance is the front doors at Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre. A table will be set-up outside the camp entrance for drop-off and pick-up.

Upon arrival, parents and children will be greeted by a camp leader and they will check your child's participant profile form to ensure it is complete and ask if you have screened your child for any COVID-19 like symptoms. Parents will not be required to initial attendance sheets. The camp leader at the sign-in/out table will sign your child in on the attendance form. Afterwards, a second camp leader or facility staff member will walk a group of 8 or less children to their inside the facility and drop them off at their assigned pod.

Pick-up will be in the same location as drop-off. Parents or any one authorized to pick-up the child will still be required to show ID.

A sanitizer station will be available at the camp entrance.



### **Swim Lessons**

Week 5 (July 13 to July 17) and Week 6 (July 20 to July 24) included swim lessons but the pool will remain closed during these weeks. \$10.00 will be refunded to your account if your child was registered for camp during those weeks.

### **Social Behaviour**

Participants must be in good mental, emotional and social health and be able to function in a 1:8 (1 camp leader to 8 children ratio) setting in a positive and cooperative manner that displays tolerance and respect for themselves and others.

During this time of COVID-19 and the sensitivity of the environment under which we are operating with so many added precautions and protocols, any participant that is unable to comply with the following additional rules will be asked to not return to camp. This can be done with either a warning, or immediate exemption, based on the discretion of the Child and Youth Coordinator:

- Physical distancing guidelines (please see web link on page 1)
- Invasion of other's personal space
- Inappropriate use of other's items
- Not following sanitation and frequent hand washing requirements
- Any behaviours that is not and will not be tolerated given the safety guidelines under which our camps are operating.

### **Personal Protective Equipment**

In accordance with the Yukon Government's child care centre operation guidelines, cloth or non-medical homemade masks are not recommended, but wearing one is a personal choice. However, camp leaders will wear a mask when they are closer than 2 metres (6 feet) to a child when performing first aid. Camp leaders will have the choice to wear one when resolving behavioural incidents, assisting with crafts, helping with food operations (i.e. opening container lids or wrappers), or any situation that requires a camp leader to spend a prolonged amount of time within 2 metres of a child.

### **Lunch and Snacks**

Please send your child to camp with a nut-free lunch and enough nut-free snacks to last them for the duration of the day. Children will not be permitted to buy lunch and will be educated to not share any of their food. Also, please note that we will not be able to provide any extra snacks to campers during this time.

**Water Bottles**

Due to construction in some areas of the facility, some water fountains will not be available to camps. Please ensure you send your child to camp with a refillable water bottle.

**Sunscreen**

Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to drop-off. Camp leaders will NOT be assisting children with applying sunscreen directly. When children need to re-apply sunscreen, camp leaders will use a spray but children will be responsible for rubbing it into their skin.

During the first couple of weeks my team and I will be constantly evaluating all the changes we have implemented to our summer day camp programs. Please bear with us during this time and we appreciate any feedback you can provide us with. Thank you for your support and patience and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-334-7339 or email at [kevin.nasiri@whitehorse.ca](mailto:kevin.nasiri@whitehorse.ca)