

MONTVILLE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents,

We are happy to be able to provide you with our Summer Camp again this year. As you are aware, the COVID-19 virus has changed the way everything is done. Our camp is no exception. Please read through how our camp will operate this summer for your child before deciding to enroll in camp. The State guidelines we must follow are far more restrictive than our normal camp. However, we will do our best to provide everyone with a good camp experience as always. If you still have questions after reading this you can call me at the office (860-848-6780) or email me at pbushway@montville-ct.org.

To begin with, the summer camp will be located at our Camp Oakdale facility at 176 Meetinghouse Lane. There are plenty of fields there where the campers will be located for the day. We do not have access any of the schools this year. After extensive discussions about the logistics and costs of cleaning and disinfecting the schools, the Mayor and Superintendent have decided that it is not a feasible option with the current Executive Orders from the State in effect.

Camp will be limited this summer at our Camp Oakdale facility. We have applied for a waiver from the State to increase that number slightly, but space will be limited. Sign-ups will be on a first come first paid basis. Registration will begin June 16th at 8 am. Online and in person registrations will be accepted. Camper to Counselor ratio will be 10-1 for all groups.

Camp will begin **June 29th and run until August 7th, 8 am to 4 pm**. However, should the forecast call for rain any day we will have to cancel camp for the day, similar to a snow day during the school year.

There will be no bus transportation to and from camp either as the guidelines do not allow for more than one person per row of seats on the bus. This also means that there will be no field trips to local attractions. There will also not be a Talent Show or Carnival Day. Still, our staff will be working hard to entertain and engage your child this summer with activities, games and events for your child.

Camper Sign in Each Morning:

A station at the top of the parking lot will be our “office area” where parents will drop off their camper each morning. Children and staff will have to be temperature scanned as they arrive at camp each day. Parents will wait until child is cleared to enter camp before they leave. If the temperature registers over 100 degrees the person will be sent home. If a child or staff member becomes ill during the day they will be quarantined from the other campers/staff until a parent can arrive to take them home.

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There are bathroom facilities on site for the campers to utilize. We have rented commercial tents for the campers to get out of the sun or a brief rain shower.

Breakfast and lunch will still be provided by the Montville Food Service Program. They will prepare the meals and we will pick them up at the high school and deliver them to camp. There will not be ice cream available for purchase, but we will have plenty of water jugs for the campers to refill their water bottles.

Each group of campers is limited to 10 campers. Those campers must remain in the same group all week and not interact with any other group of campers. Each group will have their own location at the site but will be able to use the entire facility for activities the counselors plan for their group.

Campers **do not** have to wear face covering but our staff will be required to do so when in proximity to the campers. Campers will be scheduled for hand washing during the day.

The counselors will plan a full day of activities for their group. Each activity will last about 35 minutes and then the activity will change to keep the campers engaged. We will have adequate supplies to minimize the need to share.

For camp checkout parents will proceed to the camp office to sign out their child each day.

If you still have questions please don't hesitate to call us at 860-848-6780 or email at pbushway@montville-ct.org. We are looking forward to having your child at camp this summer to give them some time out of the house and a chance to interact with some of their friends.