

## **Fun-N-Sun Day Camp - Update**

### **Camp Begins Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

We recently received the Phase 3 guidelines for day camps under the Restore Illinois plan which can be found [here](#). We will highlight some of the guidelines and share some details about our plans for the 2020 camp seasons.

### **We have a great staff that is very excited to see your kids.**

All of our staff are experienced returning staff. We are blessed to have so many college aged guys and gals that want to invest in relationship with your kids. We suspect that many campers are ready to get out of their houses and have the opportunity to play with friends and enjoy the great outdoors. Our staff are planning creative activities that will engage them socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically.

### **What can my kids expect to do while they are at camp?**

- Build positive relationships with their college-age team leaders
- Arts and Crafts to spark creativity and hone dexterity
- Brain Games that stimulate critical thinking and increase knowledge
- Creation with dominoes, Legos, marble towers, PVC, lumber and anything else we can find..... because that makes it fun
- Dedicated Playgrounds to release energy and build strength
- Music and Dance to build and release joy
- Daily contests between groups to build a “Big Camp” feel
- Lots of time outside to ground kids in the world
- Small group games that stimulate the team’s social connections
- Grateful Journals and reflection time to reduce anxiety and build confidence
- Bible stories and teaching to build character and resiliency
- Free time to hang out with other kids and use imagination
- Excursions for fishing, hiking, plant identification, specimen collecting

### **What changes are we making to keep it in line with safety guidance?**

1. We will be having **multiple Mini Camps** instead of 1 big camp.
  - a. Each Mini Camp will be grouped according to age to the best of our ability. These small groups will limit exposure of each camper to a maximum of 10 kids. The same counselors will be with the group of 10 for a staff/camper ratio of 1:5.

- b. Each Mini Camp (10 kids) will be based out of a separate area of the building where the group can gather for activities, have separate bathrooms, locker areas, and separate stairwells to travel on as they go outside (*often*) for activities. Beginner Camp will have the separate red building as their base.
- c. We will maintain the “Big Camp” feel virtually through Zoom/Google Meet. Using this technology will help kids feel part of a bigger community while minimizing exposure. We will have opening assemblies, as well as, science, art, drama and a variety of other contests that will bring all the groups together.
- d. Masks- All staff will wear face masks or face shields when indoors and when within 6 feet of campers. Parents may choose if they want their child to wear face masks but we are not requiring it. We surveyed five local daycare centers that were open during Phase 1-2 about children wearing masks. Each site reported that they abandoned masks for kids because it created a less sanitary environment. We believe this will only get worse in the heat of the summer Here is a place where we have decided to adopt what seems to be best practices in current centers who have experience in this area.
- e. Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizer- We will be instituting hand washing as a primary deterrent to disease spread. Each group will have their own bathroom such that hand washing will be easily available and frequently required. We have a large supply of approved hand sanitizer to fill in when washing hands is not practical.
- f. Physical Distancing/Social Distancing – We need to be honest. We find it unrealistic and potentially emotionally unhealthy to enforce the guideline that campers must maintain a 6-foot distance at all times from other campers as recommended in the Phase 3 plan. We don’t want kids to be anxious about the 6-foot distance or get upset because we won’t let them play with their friends. We will work to physically distance ourselves by avoiding handshakes, high fives, hugs and the like. We will be outside much of the time to allow maximum air circulation. But sometimes we will have activities where the campers may interact with their group of 10 at intervals closer than 6 ft. We believe it is unrealistic to police that rule in this setting.
- g. We will have **strict protocols for health checks of all campers and staff upon arrival**. Drop off and pick up will happen outside by your car and will include a

health check (touchless temp reading lower than 100.4 degrees, and 3 health status questions) done while the parent is still on site. We have extra staff so that no one needs to come to work if they are feeling questionable.

- h. There will be no hot lunch program. Each group will eat in their room or at their designated area outdoors.
2. **Early Care and After Care will be included for everyone.** In order to maintain group separation throughout the entire day, one of the Mini Camp's counselors will arrive early and the other will stay late to care for campers during our traditional extended care times. This means that you can drop your camper off any time after 7:00 am and they will join their specific group. Pick them up any time before 6:00 pm. This will also help to spread out the drop off and pick up times and eliminate the crowds that used to form at the entrance.
3. **Field Trips** - We will take small groups on excursions. Even though the Grayslake pool is closed and we have canceled at least the first three field trips as required by the State, that does not mean that all outings are canceled. We hope to take one group of 10 off campus each day to a forest preserve for excursion. These are not defined yet, but we would take the "mini-camp" on the Westlake bus and spend part of the day fishing, hiking and enjoying nature with friends. Each group would rotate through excursions on separate days so we can clean and disinfect the bus after each mini camp uses it.
4. **Our cleaning and the handling of health situations will follow the CDC guidelines.** See [CDC cleaning and disinfecting](#)
5. **Wait list priority-** With these uncertain times, we feel it is necessary to establish protocol for a wait list. The Illinois State government is restricting some of our abilities to expand the camp to our normal numbers. It is likely that we will have a wait list if other camps in the area decide that they cannot operate. At this time, we are required to keep all the same kids in the same group for a week at a time. This means that part time campers take up a full-time spot. With that being the case:  
#1 Priority: Full time campers (5 days/week): We will hold all spots for full time campers until 10pm Tuesdays the week before attendance. We will hold these positions in the order in which a person registered.  
#2 Priority: We will fill open spots next with those who have registered for 3 or 4 days as of 10pm Tuesday

#3 Priority: We will then fill open spots with those registered for 1 or 2 days by 10pm Tuesday.

We will then hold open registration for any remaining spots. We will maintain a waitlist if spots are filled. We hope to expand to meet the needs of everyone, but with the possibility of restrictions, staff health needs, and economics we feel that it is important to establish this policy.

We hope this gives you the information you need to make an informed decision for your family. We know how hard it is to navigate life during these unprecedented times. If you have more questions please don't hesitate to contact us by email us at [Funnsundaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:Funnsundaycamp@gmail.com) and we will call or email you back as you prefer. Our goal is to partner with you to provide great care for your family as you have the need this summer.

Please sign up as soon as possible. If we don't have at least 30 campers per day we will not be able to feasibly hold camp this summer. Register for camp at [FUNNSUN.ORG](http://FUNNSUN.ORG)

Because of the unusual times we are asking all parents to read the attached waiver, sign it and bring it to the first day of camp to show us that you are aware of the precautions we are taking and plans we have for this summer.

Thank you,  
Diane Henke  
The Fun-N-Sun Camp Director

## CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 WARNING & DISCLAIMER

Coronavirus, COVID-19 is a contagious virus that spreads through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a mean to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in Fun-N-Sun Day Camp programs or accessing Westlake Christian Academy facilities will increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. The program and facilities will be increasing cleaning and monitoring health status of staff and participants, but it can in no way warrant that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in Fun-N-Sun programs.

The State of Illinois has issued guidelines for Day Camps that can be found at <https://dceocovid19resources.com/assets/Restore-Illinois/businessguidelines3/summerprograms.pdf>

Our program will work to follow these guidelines with the exception of the following:

1. Fun-N-Sun will not enforce 6 ft. social distancing protocols for children who are in the program. Events will occur where your child will come in closer distance to others in the program than 6 ft. and many will not be wearing masks. The intention is that contact will only be with their group of 10 campers, which should be stable throughout any given week as stated in the guidance. This group will be socially distanced from all other participants. Parents may choose to have their child wear a mask, but we cannot guarantee or force compliance. Staff will work to wear facemasks or face guards while inside and closer than 6 ft., but we cannot guarantee that children won't unintentionally approach an unmasked staff member. We will work to reduce the risk of Covid 19 transmission but cannot eliminate the possibility of transmission occurring.
2. Fun-N-Sun plans to take groups of up to 10 campers off site either walking or in the Westlake Mini Bus to outdoor parks for hikes, fishing and other activities as allowed in Phase 3 of the Restore-Illinois plan.

I the undersigned acknowledge and accept the risk disclaimer as listed above.

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Participant Name (Print Clearly)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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