2020 Summer Day Camp Information

We would like to extend a warm welcome to participants of Camp Whatchamacallit Summer Day Camp.

There is no doubt that Camp Whatchamacallit will be different this summer due to the impacts of COVID-19. Our priority will be ensuring a clean and safe space with fun, quality programming for our participants. Significant changes include reduced registration and reduction in speciality camps. Currently, swimming will not be included as a camp activity, however hopefully this may change as the summer progresses.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Matthew Snow, Camp Coordinator at mgsnow@mun.ca.

We appreciate your patience as we work through this new situation together!

Before registering for Camp Parents/Guardians must be aware of the following:

The following recommendations were developed as per the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Public Health Guidance for Summer Day Camps. The entire document is available on the Government COVID-19 Website, we strongly encourage all customers to read it: https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/information-sheets-for-businesses-and-workplaces/guidance-for-summer-day-camps/

Vulnerable Population

• Those considered vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 or who have family members considered vulnerable use discretion in availing of Day Camp Programs.

Day Camp Groups & Pods

• Group Ratios are: Younger Group Ages 5 to 8 8 Children to 1 Counsellor
  Older Group Ages 9 to 12 10 Children to 1 Counselor

• 2 Groups will make a Pod Younger Pod 16 Children and 2 Counsellors
  Older Pod 20 Children and 2 Counsellors

• Contact with other groups or staff will not occur outside their Pod without social distancing.

• Counsellors are assigned a group of children as per established ratio and counsellors only change when necessary.
**Drop Off & Pick Up Processes**

• Drop off and pick up procedures are designed to allow for social distancing and health screening questions, therefore it will take longer than normal, **please allow for extra time.**

• As per the Summer Day Camp Guidance, **one Parent/Guardian is to be identified for the drop-off and pick up where at all possible, an emergency contact must also be provided. This information will be collected at time of registration.**

**Drop Off Time: 8:00 -9:00am**

Due to the need for social distancing we are not offering early drop off

**Pick-Up Time: 4:00-5:00pm**

Please note that campers will still be enjoying activities during this time, it may take a little longer to have your child brought to you.

**Drop off & Pick Up Locations**

**Families with a Younger and Older participant, should drop/pick up both children at the Younger location.**

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<td>• Drop off &amp; pick up will be at the glass corner entrance of the Field House.</td>
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<td>• Parents/Guardians drive through the parking lot and line up as you exit the lot facing Westerland Rd.</td>
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**Access to participants outside pick-up time**

• If for any reason you need to pick up your child outside normal pick up times you **MUST** email mgsnow@mun.ca with the appropriate details.

• Parents/Guardians will NOT be permitted to enter the facilities to pick up their child unless we have been notified.

• Notifications must be sent with at least 2 hours’ notice. In the event of an emergency, please call the Field House at 709-864-4422.

• All persons who enter our facilities are required to be documented as per government guidelines. (i.e. participants, guardians, program or maintenance leader/staff, etc.).

• Day Camp entrance will remain locked to ensure no unauthorized persons enter.
**Participants must bring daily**
- A labelled bottle of hand sanitizer for each child’s individual use.
- A backpack and lunch bag. (Labelled with child’s name)
- Suitable clothing for weather (i.e. rain gear, change of clothes). Camp happens rain or shine!
- Sneakers or closed toed/strapped sandals (No Flip Flops).
- Sunscreen (30+) (Note: Counsellors will not applying Sunscreen to participants. Ensure your child is dressed with proper length clothes, and that they are able to apply sunscreen to all of their exposed skin themselves.)
- Hat
- Packed nutritious lunch and at least 2 snacks for the day. Participants must bring their own utensils there will be NO food service or access to vending machines. Please do not bring nuts or nut products.
- A refillable water bottle (labelled with child’s name)
- Toys or electronic devices are not permitted
- Ensure all personal items are marked with your child’s name.

**Social Distancing**
- As you can imagine, maintaining social distancing with a group of children is going to be very difficult. We will do our best to enforce social distancing however it cannot be guaranteed.
- Parents/Guardians must help by teaching their child the concept of social distancing and understanding how they can help to ensure social distancing while at camp.
- Counsellors will use visual cues and signage to support children in understating social distancing concepts.
- Parents/Guardians must be available to come pick up their child should they refuse to follow rules and policies put in place, the Health and Safety of our participants and staff is a priority.

**Hygiene & Handwashing**
- All participants MUST bring their own personal hand sanitizer.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for general use throughout the facility.
- Parents/Guardians need to ensure that their child knows how to wash their hands effectively, staff will oversee hand washing but their role will not be to teach the participants.
- Parents/Guardians must be available to come pick up their child should they refuse to wash their hands as required.
- Regular handwashing/bathroom visits will be part of the daily routine.
- Handwashing will take place before and after each snack and lunchtime and after each washroom visit.
- The use of personal hand sanitizer throughout the day will be left up to each camper. The facilities hand sanitizer will be required to be used each time participants enter the building.
- As per Day Camp Guidelines, all children must be fully toilet trained; able to independently wash their hands and feed themselves as, parents/guardians will not be permitted to enter and leave the program area to tend to personal care needs.

**Camp Activities**
- Outdoor play is a key element of the program. Outdoor activities will be distanced between Pods.
- In the event of poor weather, indoor gym activities will be set up to allow for physical distancing between each pod.
- Leaders/staff will have equipment kits for use within their pod
- Activities will focus on physical activity, fundamental movements and fun. Activities that include sharing of hands-on equipment, like arts & crafts, are not a part of programming.
- Due to restrictions, children are **not** participating in swimming lessons. Depending on guidelines, recreational swimming may take place later in the Summer. Notice to customers will be provided if swimming clothing is required.
- Counsellors will adapt activities to ensure public health measures are adhered to, physical distancing can be achieved, and materials will not be shared.
**Other Safety Considerations**

- Counsellors, staff and participants are not required to wear masks and gloves in the program but will practice, model and support children in good hygiene efforts such as handwashing, covering a cough and use of tissues or crease of elbow for coughing and sneezing.

- Facilities and equipment will be cleaned daily in accordance with public health guidelines. Additional attention to high use areas such as washrooms, doorknobs, tables, and chairs.

**Managing Illness**

- If for any reason your child will be absent, please contact us and leave a voice mail at (709) 864-2122.
- Children must stay home if they feel sick (fever, sore throat, cold symptoms, headache, diarrhea, vomiting).
- Parents/guardians must ensure that you list your child’s underlying health conditions and or are presently symptomatic due to allergies.
- If a child displays symptoms of concern during the program the following will be adhered to:
  - Contact guardian immediately
  - Seek support from a second staff member
  - The child will be isolated
  - Good handwashing for child and staff
  - Both the staff member and child will mask and glove, and parent/guardian will be contact to immediately pick up their child
  - Materials used by the child will be removed and area will be sanitized according to sanitization guidelines

- Counsellors/staff who present with symptoms will be removed and self-isolate as per the health guidelines based on the current alert.
- A child or staff person who is unwell, with respiratory illness symptoms (two or more of fever, cough, headache, sore throat or runny nose) is not permitted to enter or participate in the Day Camp for a minimum period of 14 days and is encouraged to contact 811 for further instructions. Chronic symptoms (e.g., cough due to asthma) are not considered reasons to be asked to stay away from Day Camp.

**Medications & Allergies**

- If your child requires medication, has allergies or any medical condition or if there are any medical concerns or issues that we need to be aware of, include this information at time of registration

- Prescription medication must be in its original container with the physician’s instructions on the label, and your child must be able to take the medication themselves once instructed to do so. Over the counter medication will not be administered.