

# Welcome Campers & Families

**We are so excited that you have signed up for our camps. This summer is going to be an adventure full of fun and excitement. We will be a busy bunch of campers!**



**Camp will be closed on July 5<sup>th</sup> this year in observance of Independence Day. Have a fun & safe Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!**

Biddeford Rec is very excited to bring summer camps back after an absence last summer due to Covid-19. As with every camp this summer, we will be following CDC guidelines to keep campers, staff, and parents safe! **Please be aware that the current structure of summer camp and pricing are only modified differently this year due to Covid-19.** Below is a list of just a few of the guidelines we will be following during the summer months:

1. Staff & Campers will be required to wear masks while at camp only to be removed during meals, water breaks & water activities.
2. Counselors and campers will be in cohorts throughout the summer.
3. Parents/guardians will not be allowed inside the schools. We will be using the App Pikmykid for drop off and pick up for all camps.

4. Each cohort will have their own supplies to avoid sharing and all supplies will be sanitized frequently throughout the day by counselors.
5. Custodians and counselors will clean and sanitize all common areas and surfaces frequently during the camp day.
6. We will promote hand washing for all staff, campers, and hand sanitizing when hand washing is not possible.
7. If a counselor, camper, or a campers family member is identified by the CDC as a close contact or have tested positive for Covid-19 we will follow all CDC procedures.
8. If a camper is unable to attend due to a positive test or close contact the Biddeford Recreation Department will discuss possible refunds on a case by case basis.
10. Parents/guardians are responsible for screening their participant(s) each day for COVID-19 symptoms before sending them to camp.

If you like to know what is happening at camp be sure to grab a camp calendar and check out what we will doing this summer. As a staff, we will do our best to make sure parents are informed on events that will be going on at camp so you can discuss them with your children. If we need to get information to you, the recreation department will use an email blast, pikmykid, and text blast.

The school lunch program will provide breakfast and lunch for Safari/OSB/CIT for the whole summer. This is a free service from the Biddeford School Program. If you would like your child(ren) to have breakfast please have your child(ren) here for 8:00. If you don't want your child to participate in the food program please make sure your child(ren) have breakfast/lunch. In addition, if your child has allergies to certain foods it would be wiser to pack a lunch for them because the school is not responsible for a second choice lunch.

Please do not let your child(ren) bring in anything that is valuable, the camp is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. We have plenty of activities here at camp to keep your child(ren) occupied.

**Electronics are ONLY allowed on field trip days.**

Please have your child(ren) at the camp no later than 8:30am on field trip days so we can have them ready to leave on time. Water is an essential for children at camp please make sure they have a water bottle of some sort for their long day here at camp, which can be very **HOT** sometimes! On lake days, we have increased exposure to heat and sun combined with water /sand makes your camper higher at risk. Please send your children to camp with an extra shirt & a hat that you don't mind getting wet, so we can limit your child(ren) to less sun exposure and hopefully this will help prevent sunburns. In addition, we suggest sneakers everyday for the terrain/activity levels to keep them safe and to prevent injuries. You may send in flip flops/sandals if you wish, but please pack sneakers as well.

Just a reminder after 4:00 it will be a \$1.00 a minute late charge, which will be added onto your account at the time of pick up. Please try to be on time our counselors have their own families waiting for them too.

**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO PARENTS: WEDNESDAY IS OUR FIELD TRIP DAY FOR SAFARI AND YOUR CAMPER NEEDS THEIR CAMP SHIRT ALSO THURSDAY IS FIELD TRIP DAY FOR OSB AND YOUR CAMPER NEEDS THEIR CAMP SHIRT FOR SAFETY PURPOSES. IF YOUR CHILD COMES IN WITHOUT THEIR SHIRT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO GO HOME & GET IT OR PAY 10.00 FOR A NEW ONE OR TAKE YOUR CHILD HOME FOR THAT DAY.**

***Thank you for your attention to these matters ☺***

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