2021 CAMP DATES: SESSION 1: JUNE 28-JULY 2 / SESSION 2: JULY 5-16 / SESSION 3: JULY 19-JULY 30 / SESSION 4: AUG 2-AUG 13

# **WELCOME TO YOUNG JUDAEA SPROUT BROOKLYN!**

We wanted to share the following information in order to help make your camper's summer at Sprout Brooklyn the very best! Please note our new COVID-19 protocols, following the recommendations of the American Camp Association (ACA), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the New York State/ City Health Department. While our operations may look slightly different this summer, we are confident we can deliver an incredibly transformative experience.

Please note that this is an evolving document and will continue to change with the most updated version of our COVID-19 guidelines and procedures as we lead up to summer. All information is subject to change.

#### What we know today:

- 1. We continue to believe we can operate safely.
- The health and safety of our campers and staff are the number one priority. We are working closely with medical professionals and following guidance from the CDC, NYSHD, and American Camp Association to ensure that we can continue to run camp safely in 2021.
- 2. Vaccines will NOT be widely available for children.
  - At this time, medical experts advise that there will likely be no vaccine specifically for children (Under 18) by summer of 2021. We are actively tracking vaccines for adults and the possibility of our staff becoming vaccinated for the summer.
- 3. COVID-19 will be present in our communities and at camp.
  - We must operate under the assumption that COVID-19 will still be present this summer in the communities we serve, and that COVID-19 could potentially be present in our camp community. Our goal is to develop the best protocols for pre-camp screening, onsite testing, pod based programming to prevent large scale spread, and an ability to handle any cases should one appear. This is part of a multi-layered system to keep our entire community safe.
  - **4.** Camp is a magical place where children can be children, play outdoors, laugh, learn and be free. We are looking forward to providing just that for your children. We will need everyone's help to ensure our community's health and safety!



Campers and staff will be asked to follow a set of CDC recommended behaviors prior to arrival at camp including frequent hand washing, avoiding close contact with people outside your household, wearing a face covering when around others, and daily monitoring of health.

**COVID-19 Testing** (Please note our testing policy is based on the information we know today. Our protocols are subject to change).

At this time, we will be requiring every camper to arrive on the first day with:

• One negative PCR test within 72 hours of arrival





# HAND WASHING 8 SANITIZATION

To minimize transfer of COVID-19 at Sprout Westchester, cleaning methods will be employed to reduce the risk of transmission. Protocols will include cleaning of communal spaces, shared items, frequently touched surfaces, and overall handwashing and sanitizing.

- Additional handwashing stations will be placed in all buildings and high traffic areas.
- Handwashing will be required prior to all meals, snacks and the commencement of activities.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized frequently throughout the day in between deep cleaning to ensure frequently touched surfaces remain clean. Sports equipment used by each pod will be sanitized before and after each use.
- Additional signage will be posted throughout camp as a reminder of health protocols.



We will implement health screenings and temperature checks for the campers and staff daily. Staff will use a touch free thermometer to record the temperature of each child. Temperatures must be lower than 100.4 to enter camp. We also ask that if anyone is feeling sick please stay home and do not come to camp.



### TRANSPORTATION

Busing to and from camp will continue as in previous summers but with reduced capacity on each of the camp buses. The final capacity size of a group will be dictated by the Department of Health and the CDC closer to the summer. Masks will be required on buses and vans.



#### HEALTH FORMS

Our health forms will soon be available in your Camp In Touch account. All of our forms and guidelines have been updated for COVID-19. It is imperative that we receive all completed health information prior to the start of camp. Please note that these forms require immunization information.

NO CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND CAMP IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE THESE FORMS AT LEAST 2 WEEKS BEFORE CAMP OPENS.



### MASKED

The most important philosophy that we have adopted to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 at camp is to be two out of three: Outside, Masked, and Distanced.

Our staff will be wearing face masks throughout the day except in the pool. For any multiple group interactions, campers and staff will aim to observe at least two of the three following rules: wear a mask, be outdoors, and / or physically distanced.



### PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We are fortunate to have a large state of the art facility at the Basis school campus which includes an outdoor covered porch and small playground area as well as the city parks that will allow our campers to enjoy as many activities outside as possible while remaining a safe distance from others. Within each mini- group/pod (12 campers or less) physical distancing will not be required but outside of those groups, when passing other groups, lunch time and the use of restrooms, physical distancing of 6 feet will be maintained.



#### **ACTIVITIES**

All programming will take place using safe distances between campers and staff. Groups will be with the pod / group and not intermixed with other pods during program time.

We will be facilitating swim lessons using safe distancing within the groups.



# PODS, GROUP SIZING AND INTERACTIONS

Based on NY State regulations, group sizes will be limited to 12 campers per group, referred to as PODS. Each POD will have their own dedicated counselors. Campers and staff should expect to be primarily with their POD. We will continue planning safe camp programming with our mitigation strategies while keeping the camp magic and community feel alive.



# **RAIN DAYS**

Sprout Brooklyn is fortunate enough to have enough space at Basis and will not need to cancel camp for rain. We do ask that campers come dressed appropriately with rain gear in overcast or rainy days.

# HAVE A QUESTION OR COMMENT? STAY IN TOUCH!

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