

Communicable Disease Plan (CDP) for Hendricks County Parks

Day Camp Programs 2021

Hendricks County Parks and Recreation is excited to announce the 2021 summer day camps which are held at McCloud Nature Park. Below is our plan that we will be implementing and strictly following to ensure we are running a responsible and healthy summer camp program for our campers in light of this pandemic. Many of these points were included after receiving results of our 2020 day camp survey.

Camp Staff Health Screening Process for Entering Camp:

- Camp staff will check in with the Head Naturalist or Camp Director before starting their shift. Staff will report if they have had a consistent cough, sore throat, fever, or shortness of breath within the last 72 hours.
- Staff member will wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water upon entering the building.
- Camp staff must have a mask or cloth face covering with them and be able to show to the Head Naturalist or Camp Director. Camp staff will carry hand sanitizer for campers.
- Information will be provided to all staff on proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings.

Camper Sign In and Sign Out

- Sign in: Upon arrival, park near the Nature Center and please stay in or at your car until a naturalist speaks with you. You will be asked health questions such as if anyone in your household has had a consistent cough, sore throat, fever, or shortness of breath within the last 72 hours. If the answer is yes to any of those questions, your family will NOT be allowed to attend the program. If you are waiting on the results of a COVID test due to symptoms or possible or confirmed exposure, your family will NOT be allowed to attend the program. Note: if a grandparent, babysitter, or other adult is bringing your child(ren), they will be responsible for verifying the child's health.
- This program has been modified to reduce the number of commonly handled items and we will try to maintain safe distancing. We need your help to keep your family safe, along with the naturalists and other families. Hendricks County Parks is required to follow the local health department and CDC requirements and guidelines.
- All campers will immediately wash their hands with soap and water in the bathroom before joining another camp staff member in the grassy area for contactless activities with a small size group.
- Parents/guardians will attend Tuesday camps with their campers. The same protocols apply to parents/guardians as well as campers.
- Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to remain in the park during Thursday camps in case of health or behavior issues.
- Sign out: Campers will be escorted to their car after sanitizing their hands. Parents will be asked to remain at their car (if they were not attending camp themselves).

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Health protocols

- Parents are responsible to let the camp staff know immediately if their child has symptoms or has been diagnosed with a communicable disease, while practicing information confidentiality.
- Adequate supplies of soap, hand sanitizer, and no-touch trash cans will be available.
- Campers and staff will be asked to wash hands a few extra times during the day. Hand washing steps will be placed on the walls in the bathrooms.
- Camp staff will be monitoring coughing and sneezing, and have campers immediately wash or sanitize hands as well as teach them to cough and sneeze into their elbows.
- Staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces more than once daily.
- Staff will ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep products away from children.

Camp Activities

- Staff will utilize outdoor areas for camps as much as possible, unless during inclement weather.
- Staff will maintain small groups and social distancing for every camp
- Tuesday Lil' Explorers day camps (for campers ages 2-5 years old with parent/guardian)
 - There will be no more than 14 campers (not including parents/guardians) with 2-3 staff members.
 - Campers will be split into two small groups of 7 with 1 naturalist per group to help maintain small groups and social distancing.
 - Camps are two hours. Families may choose to finish activities early.
 - Parents/guardians must attend camp with their campers.
- Thursday Young Adventurers day camps (for campers 6-12 years old)
 - These day camps will be reduced to 2-hour long camps with a maximum of 10 campers to 2 staff.
 - Camps are two hours. Campers may choose to finish activities early if their parent/guardian is inside the park.
 - Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to remain in the park during Thursday camps in case of health or behavior issues.
- Staff will ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment etc. assigned to a single camper) or limit use of supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between uses.
- All food and water will be provided by the campers for their own personal use.
- Camp staff will monitor campers looking for signs of illness and will notify the camp director who then will notify the head naturalist if a child develops a constant cough, shortness of breath or appears to have a fever. The parent/guardian will be notified immediately to take the camper home.
- In the event of inclement weather, campers will go inside the Nature Center and we will close the building to the public during that time.

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If A Possible COVID-19 Case Arises

- Staff will identify an area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-19 like symptoms. The area should be comfortable and easy to clean.
- If a camper develops a fever or has a consistent cough during camp, the parent/guardian will be notified immediately to take the camper home.
- The camper may return after being symptom free for 72 hours without the help of fever reducing medicine.
- Staff will close off areas used by a sick person and will not use area before cleaning.
- Sick staff members will not be allowed to return to work until they have met CDC criteria and Hendricks County Government COVID-19 guidelines.
- In the event a person diagnosed with COVID-19 is determined to have been in the building and poses a risk to the community,
 - the Nature Center and all programs may consider closing for a short time (1-2 days) for cleaning and disinfection.
 - Staff will notify the county health department.
 - Parents/guardians may be notified by Hendricks County Parks and/or a health department that their camper may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Staff Training

Camp staff will be trained in our new policies and guidelines before the first day of camp.

Refund policy

A camper's parent/guardian may cancel at any time for health reasons before the start of a day camp and will receive a full refund.