All-Day Explorer Program

COVID-19 addendum for 2020

Intent

The duty of the All Day Explorer Program 2020 is first and foremost to ensure the safety of the families we serve: nothing is more important than the physical well-being of our Explorers. The current pandemic poses a significant health danger to our community, as shown by the statistics. The spread of Covid-19 cannot be taken lightly.

COVID-19 isolation and reduced social contact is an especially important time for youth to maintain healthy bodies, minds and spirits. The All-Day Explorer Program provides physical, intellectual, and emotional wellness through recreation, academic, creative, personal and community activities.

All-Day Explorers will be in session following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Washington State Department of Health (DOH), the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the Kitsap County COVID-19 Recovery Playbook. To facilitate these measures, instead of offering single large group sessions, the All Day Explorer program will be providing 2 separate small stable pods. Children will participate in activities through their small groups, instead of the usual large group in order to abide by social distancing guidelines and safety measures.

The following plan and precautions are in place to keep our participants and counselors safe during programming:

2020 All-Day Explorer Camp Guidelines for Phase 2 Operation

1. The Park District will appoint an Explorer Camp Covid-19 Site Supervisor who will have overall responsibility in making sure all these guidelines are carried out.

2. Small, dedicated groups (“pods”) will consist of no more than 8 participants with 2 staff (10).

3. The counselors with each pod are high school or college students who will be trained and have agreed to enforce these guidelines.

4. Explorer Camp staff will wear masks when indoors/in proximity to campers.

5. Daily drop-off and pick-up will take place outside the west entrance of the Aquatics Center, with parents remaining in their cars via a dedicated parking spot. Staggered intervals between vehicles will be maintained.

6. Participants will have their temperature taken and recorded each morning. If their temperature is above 100.4F, that individual will not be allowed to participate.

7. Families will answer a series of health questions about their household each morning. If there are positive responses to signs of illness in the home, that camper will not be allowed to participate.

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8. Parents and other family visitors will not be allowed to enter the indoor Explorer Basecamp. Camper drop off and pickup, and delivery of items will take place outside via staff.

9. Pods will not interact with each other as a combined large group during the program day.

10. Each pod will have dedicated Explorer basecamp areas on site where they will gather.

11. Each basecamp area will have enough space for adequate social distancing.

12. Explorers will practice social distancing by maintaining a 6 ft distance from one another.

13. Activity and Site Protocols:
   a. Explorers shall not share materials or supplies with one another. Each child will have dedicated scissors, pencil, pens, glue stick, etc. assigned & sanitized.

   b. Staff members who handle supplies or snacks shall always wash hands prior.

   c. Each person will keep their lunch, water bottle, water play items, etc. in their own bucket/crate (provided) at their assigned Pod basecamp, not in a common area.

   d. Special Guests will only present to one pod at a time, in rotation.

   e. Walking field trips will be staggered to maintain distance between pods.

16. Sports and Games Protocols:
   a. Sports will utilize outdoor fields, courts, pavement, and obstacle-type activities, weather permitting.

   b. Indoor fitness activities such as yoga, tai-chi or dance will be spaced appropriately.

   c. Games will be modified to avoid contact and reduce equipment sharing.

   d. Sanitizing and handwashing will be in place after any group play.

17. Restrooms
   a. Each pod/child will be escorted to the restrooms by their counselor.

   b. The only time Explorers will be in the Aquatics Center lobby is for restroom use.

   c. Participants and staff will continue to wear masks when in lobby / restroom.

   d. Participants shall wash their hands after they use the restroom.

18. Hand Sanitizing:

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a. Staff will instruct campers on proper handwashing and hand sanitizer use.

b. Explorers shall sanitize their hands before being admitted to their pod.

c. Participants shall use wash hands with soap and water before and after eating.

d. Staff shall wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before they touch any materials

e. Explorers shall sanitize their hands at program end, prior to pick-up each day.

f. Participants shall sanitize their hands in the event they come in contact with another person, or another person’s belongings, i.e., book, pen, backpack, etc.

19. Lunch and Snack Protocol:
   a. Staff will be gloved/masked for food handling. Individually wrapped snacks only.
   b. Participants will eat their lunches and snacks with their Pod / at their basecamp.
   c. Participants shall not be allowed to trade or share food items.
   d. Open, un-consumed snacks will be discarded.
   e. Participants are responsible for disposal of their own food garbage/wrappings.
   f. Pod food garbage shall be immediately placed in a larger container for disposal.

20. Excursions and Field Trips
   a. Due to health concerns and small group requirements, we will not be going on field trips using school buses, Park District vans, or public transportation until we can determine proper guidelines for distancing and sanitation.

   b. Pods will walk to places that they can reasonably reach, which may include: The Library, Owen’s Playground, Sakai Park, Fire Station, the BARN, Spartan Woods Winslow, local farms, neighborhood trails, and other nearby places of interest.

21. Safe Family and Community Engagement

   b. Parents are encouraged to utilize the daily opportunities to talk with their child’s pod leaders or Camp Program Supervisor outside at drop off and pick up.

   c. Periodically, families may be asked to voluntarily help gather supplies such as paper tubes, wood scraps, unused books, etc. While not required, extra supplies and “found items” are appreciated. Donated materials will be sanitizer or quarantined appropriately before use.

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d. As part of the Explorer community, participants will be expected to rotate through a variety of daily Pod responsibilities / tasks to help keep everyone healthy and included while maintaining social distancing. Examples could include jobs like trail leader, music DJ, stopwatch timer, window washer, table sanitizer, parent pick-up spotter, etc.

22. Negative Behavior Protocol:
   a. Behavior that puts others at risk will not be tolerated.

   b. The Camp Program Supervisor will work with the responsible camper and parents to clearly communicate the behavior issue and support correction.

   c. Any participant whose behavior continues to jeopardize the physical or emotional safety of an individual or Pod or the program as a whole may be asked to leave for the remainder of the day or session. No refunds will be offered for lost days or sessions due to negative behavior.

   d. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide timely transportation in the event their child is required to leave the program due to negative behavior.

23. Illness Protocol:
   a. Participants – children or staff – who feel unwell are required to stay home and seek medical attention or advice accordingly.

   b. A participant - either staff or child – who falls ill during the program day will notify their leader and be immediately isolated and removed from program areas. If staff, they will be sent home. If child, parents will be notified promptly.

   c. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide timely transportation in the event their child is required to leave due to illness.

   d. The Camp Program Supervisor will report any illness to the Program Manager, and to the Aquatics Center Facility Supervisor for additional cleaning.

   e. The Camp Program Supervisor will research and compile a list of Pod individuals and places where the ill participant may have had contact.

   d. The Camp Program Supervisor will work with staff and Pods to thoroughly sanitize all areas and supplies that were in contact with the ill individual.

   e. The Camp Program Supervisor will ensure that remaining participants continue to sanitize, handwash, distance, and that any remaining daily schedule be altered to outdoor activities only.

   f. The Camp Program Supervisor will clearly communicate the illness occurrence to the parent, or in the case of a child, the parent of the child, and any other Camper / staff member who may have been in contact.

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all parents upon pick-up that same day.

g. The Camp Program Supervisor, with guidance from BIMPRD leadership, will
notify participant/families of any resulting delay or pending closure due
to the reported illness.

h. In the event that COVID-19 exposure is confirmed, be aware that CDC
guidelines require 14 days isolation for any person having contact.

h. In the event that part or all of a session is cancelled due to COVID-19,
credit for remaining activity dates will be applied to household accounts
as appropriate.

With everyone’s help, we are looking forward to a fun and healthy 2020 All-Day Explorer season.