

FUTURE STARS SUMMER CAMPS – OFF-SITE PROGRAMS

Program Policies & Safety Operations

We are extremely excited to kick off our 40th anniversary summer, despite the obvious challenges! The safety of our campers and staff remains the top priority as we move forward.

Programs will follow NYS and CDC Guidelines for ‘Day Camps’ and ‘Youth Sports – Return to Play’. Registered campers will be sent additional info on protocols, schedule, and other pertinent details prior to the start of the program.

Please be aware that significant changes have been made to our summer programming policies considering COVID-19. Our policies are non-negotiable and exist in order to protect our campers and staff, and to maintain a safe and healthy environment at Future Stars. Under no circumstances will we make exceptions to our policies. *(Please note: Additional details will be provided regarding further safety policies once you confirm your attendance).*

COVID 19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Future Stars will be following State and CDC mandates and guidelines.
- First and foremost, if your child(ren) are sick or showing symptoms, please keep them home.
- You must not send your child(ren) to the program/facility if they are sick or showing symptoms.
- Updated CDC info on Covid19 symptoms is available online.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Childcare_and_Summer_Camps_Summary.pdf

DAILY SCREENING

- In accordance with State and CDC guidelines, there will be daily/ongoing screening of all campers and staff.
- Each morning all campers and staff will be temperature checked upon arrival, as well as being asked a series of ‘Health Assessment’ questions.
- In addition, parents/guardians will be required to monitor themselves and other members of the household for symptoms and report these to the camp.
- Any camper or staff with symptoms or a temperature reading of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will not be permitted at camp (99.9° for our basketball program, per the facilities instructions). After 48 hours, they may return for another screening. During this 48-hour period, they should monitor symptoms and only return to camp/facility if the fever has subsided and no other symptoms arise.
- Once campers are cleared by staff, they will be escorted to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer, and then proceed to their designated area for morning arrival.

CAMP DAY

- Program will run Monday to Friday from 9:00am-12:30pm (9:00am-4:00pm for the full-day basketball program, that starts August 3rd)
- The abbreviated day will allow coaches to diligently plan each day thoroughly. This way, we will not only capitalize on the time allotted, but we will also eliminate any 'down time' and possible breaches to the safety protocols.

FACE COVERINGS

- During camp, campers do not need to wear face coverings when engaged in the program activities.
- Each camper must wear their own clean face covering when arriving at camp each day and keep on through the screening and arrival process. Campers will be able to remove their face covering once cleared by staff, and when with their group.
- Face coverings should be kept in a sealed bag with the camper's name clearly written on the bag.
- Staff are required to wear face coverings any time they are less than 6ft from each other or are interacting with campers.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

- Future Stars staff and signage will help direct families during the traffic flow drop-off and pick-up each day.
- Parents/guardians are to remain in their vehicle during these times, and only campers will be permitted to exit the vehicle after daily screening.
- As we all get used to these new protocols, we appreciate family's patience, as we adjust to the new procedures.

HYGIENE / CLEANING / DISINFECTING

- Campers and staff will be required to partake in healthy hygiene practices throughout the program.
- Upon arrival, between activity periods, bathroom breaks, and after their final activity, campers and staff will perform hand hygiene by either washing their hands or using appropriate hand sanitizer. (Camp Facility will have ample supplies to facilitate)
- Groups will have their own equipment for the day and week, and staff will clean and disinfect daily and throughout each day.
- Staff will be the only ones touching or moving equipment for their group/pod.

GROUPS / PODS

- Campers in the program will be grouped into small, self-contained pods, with a 10-camper capacity.
- The camp groups/pods will participate in program activities exclusively throughout the day and week, with no switches or adjustments once the camp week starts.
- Staff will be assigned and remain with the same group/pod each week.
- Our goal is to honor all friend requests, but there are no guarantees this summer.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Activities will be modified to reduce physical contact between campers where possible.
- Activities will be prioritized that allow for adequate physical distancing, and skill building.
- Skills and Drills, Games and Contests will be played within each group.
- Staff will be cognizant of physical distancing for all activities, and will be the only ones who touch or move equipment for their group/pod
- Water/snack breaks will be designed with pre-determined spaces for each camper to maintain distancing.

INCLEMENT WEATHER (Does NOT apply to our Basketball Program, which is indoors)

- Program will take place outdoors and will run during light rain when conditions are safe to play.
- In the event of severe weather such as thunder, an inclement weather email will be sent to all registered camp families no later than 90 (ninety) minutes prior to the start of a camp day including any camp schedule modifications.
- Every effort will be made to make up any time lost due to inclement weather during the camp week. If the time cannot be made-up, no refunds will be issued

CAMPER FORMS

- Registered campers will be sent additional info regarding required camper forms including 'Health Form', 'Online Disclaimer's', and 'What to Bring'.

COMMUNICATION

- Future Stars will be making a concentrated effort to keep open and effective communication between staff, campers, and parents/guardians concerning their safety and welfare.
- Responsible parties will be notified of any possible and/or confirmed cases of Covid19 that may arise. If someone is found to have tested positive for Covid19, all associated parties will be notified and advised to take the necessary actions/testing for Covid 19.
- A case of the virus within the program will be reported to local health department, and all parties that have come into contact with the individual will be asked to stay home and follow necessary protocols before returning to camp.
- **CONFIDENTIALITY WILL BE MAINTAINED**
- Sending your child to camp this summer does have an inherent amount of risk that you must assume. Future Stars will follow all safety measures laid out and ask that at the same time you work with us in making every effort to make camp as safe as possible for all involved.

ENROLLMENT

- Program enrollment is online only, subject to availability.
- There are no discounts available, and payment in full is required to secure placement.
- There are NO REFUNDS for cancellation, illness, injury, or any other reason.
- Only credits towards future weeks or summer 2021 can/will be issued via Future Stars director.

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