



Hello Parents,

I know you have been eagerly waiting to find out plans for this summer.

After carefully reviewing the guidelines from the CDC, the American Camping Association (ACA) Field Guide recommendations, and the Davidson County Department of Health we have to move forward with our program at Camp Davis this summer! We are spending extra time to ensure that the necessary safeguards are firmly in place and staff receive extra training on coronavirus precautions; therefore, we will be delaying the start of camp by a week and starting June 8th.

The health and safety of our campers is our first priority. Therefore, we have chosen to follow the most stringent American camping Association guidelines formulated on CDC guidelines and advice from environmental health and medical experts. We are focusing on social distancing, symptom and temperature monitoring, hand washing and hygiene, and wearing masks when feasible and especially when we are inside. We are creating a Camp Davis Field Guide that will be sent to each of you. This will show the step by step precautions we are taking this summer. We also invite you to check out the [ACA Field Guide](#). They break up their guidelines into different levels of precautions and we plan to follow the “best” in each category.

We will be holding a Town Hall on Sunday, May 31st at 8 pm through Zoom to review our plans and answer all your questions, but some of the changes you can expect to see include:

- Group sizes limited to 10 children, who with their counselors, form a camp household
- Camp households will socially distance from other households and will stay together throughout the camp day
- A tent city – rather than one big tent, each group will have a tent. We will be separate but together.
- Staggered drop off and pick up times to allow for temperature and symptom monitoring. We will use a reservation system to make this easier for everyone.
- Extra hand washing stations and sanitation stations that we will place strategically around camp.
- Individual lunches with single use products.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer early care and aftercare this summer. When looking at the guidelines, it is not possible for us to provide a the appropriate environment for the kids and our staff for the longer day. We have adjusted our hours to help accommodate working schedules as best we can. Our first drop off time is 7:45 am and our last pickup time is 4:00 pm. We will credit any payments for early and aftercare.

As we have always felt one of the most important parts of camp is to provide a nurturing place for your kids to get crazy, smelly, dirty, and wild – a place for them to be kids, to be with other kids, and to be outside. Given the current times, we feel that kids need this space more than ever and we are adding elements to our programs to help the kids process all of the changes over the last few months. Camp will look different this summer; however it will still be Camp Davis at its heart and core. We guarantee the kids will still love every moment of it. Your children will still get in the car singing their favorite camp songs, chanting their favorite cheers, and telling you numerous stories about camp. They will still be asked to challenge themselves and try new things, make new friends, and show you the patches they earned for their compassion or bravery. One of beauties of camp is the chance for an experiential education for the campers. The campers this summer will be given the opportunity to learn about community in a completely new light, with each camper seeing the impact they can make.

For those of you that have signed up for the week of June 1st-5th, we apologize for any inconvenience this delay in opening may have caused. We will cancel your child’s registration for you on Friday, May 22nd. We

hope that you will consider sending your child to a different camp session. We can credit your account for week 1 to other camp weeks or process a refund.

For payments for the remaining 7 weeks of camp, we will be processing those payments on Friday, May 29th. If you have any questions regarding payment or registration, please email Amelia Morrison at [amelia@nashvillejcc.org](mailto:amelia@nashvillejcc.org).

Sometimes seeing things makes it easier to understand. We will be sending out scheduled times for Camp Davis families to visit camp on June 3rd and 4th to take a tour with a counselor.

We realize that these changes, as well as current conditions, may be difficult to process. We are here to help you navigate our plans to allow you to make the best decision for your family. We feel that having a smaller camp with lots of outside and inside room to spread out and the ability to limit our campers' interactions with others makes this summer feasible. Other camps may not be making the same decision for this summer, and we respect their decisions. We encourage you to understand the precautions that we have put into place and choose what is best for your family.

As always, we have an open door to answer questions, listen to comments, or welcome ideas.

Thank you!

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