

5-18-20 Restart St. Pete Update: City Summer Camps

COVID-19 has taken an unprecedented toll on the community and is an ongoing public health situation. Information regarding COVID-19 is ever-evolving. As the City of St. Petersburg prepares to [Restart St. Pete](#), the Leisure Services Administration will be updating the community on [Golf Courses](#), [Libraries](#), and [Parks & Recreation](#).

SUMMER CAMPS TO OPEN JUNE 1 WITH LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE AND NEW CAMP GUIDELINES

For the safety of our participants and staff and after much deliberation, the St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation Department will hold summer camps, including elementary and middle school camps at recreation centers, technology camps, therapeutic recreation camps, and nature camps, with limited enrollment spots available.

Due to the requirement for drastically reduced camp enrollment this year, there will be a lottery implemented to determine camp spots. The lottery will only be open to St. Petersburg residents currently enrolled in Before/After School Program, residents who were enrolled in Summer Camp in 2019, and residents currently enrolled in the 2020 Summer Camp program. Camp spots will be prioritized for First Responders, Healthcare Professionals, and essential City Employees who are current patrons and St. Petersburg residents. Nonresidents or new participants will not be permitted to enter the lottery due to the limited spots available. If you have already registered for 2020 Summer Camp, refunds will be issued as appropriate.

Recreation staff will be contacting eligible families between May 18-20 and placing interested families into the lottery. Families will be notified of the results on Friday, May 22, by phone or email. Families selected in the lottery, who are not currently registered, will be required to complete the camp registration at the selected camp site in person on Tuesday, May 26, through Friday, May 29, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Camp guidelines have been implemented and are as follows:

- Recreation center camp groups will be offered at a 9:1 ratio of children to staff. Camp Red Bird and Boyd Hill Nature Preserve's nature camps will offer an 8:2 ratio of children to staff.
- Drop off will take place between 7:30 – 9 a.m. and pick up will take place between 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- Camp sign-in will be conducted outside the center each day during drop off and pick up times, and we ask that parents do not enter the facility unless needing to make a payment; however, we encourage all payments be made online.
- During drop off time, each child's temperature will be taken. Participants who have a fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or above or other signs of illness will not be admitted into the facility. Parents are encouraged to be on alert for signs of illness in their children and to keep their child at home if they are sick.
- Doors to the recreation centers will remain locked and will not be open to the public except during camp drop off and pick up times.
- Field trips or on-site activities that bring in additional people will not be offered; however, swim time, when possible, will be available to camp participants.
- The facility will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Children and staff are encouraged to wear face masks but are not required.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines are still in effect and we encourage our community and participants to adhere to these guidelines. For more

information about summer camps, please contact 727-893-7441 or visit www.stpeteparksrec.org/camps.

Questions about event and program suspensions and facility closures should be directed to the appropriate department:

- St. Petersburg Golf Courses, 727-893-7054
- St. Petersburg Library System, 727-893-7724
- St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation Department, 727-893-7441

The City of St. Petersburg continues to coordinate with our local officials and the Florida Department of Health and will continue to update the community on any changes regarding COVID-19 at www.stpete.org/emergency.

For information regarding Restart St. Pete, please visit www.restartstpete.com.