



THE BALMY BEACH CANOE CLUB

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Hello,

We hope you are doing well and staying safe. You are receiving this letter because you have registered a child in the Balmy Beach Canoe Club Sports Camp for the week of July 6th and/or the week of July 13th. We are contacting you today to update you on the status of the Balmy Beach Sports Camp for this summer. **Please read through this letter entirely** as it contains information critical to your child's attendance at Sports Camp.

After careful consideration, we have made the decision to turn the 2020 BBCC Sports Camp into a **HALF DAY PROGRAM**. Camp will now run from 9am-1pm each day. At this time, a decision has been made to only open the first two weeks of camp in light of the rapidly evolving situation for the City of Toronto. Planning for future weeks is ongoing and will be communicated closer to the beginning of each week.

The new important times are as follows:

1. **Drop-Off/Check in:** 8:45am-9:15am each day.
2. **Pick-up/ Check out:** 1:00pm-1:15pm each day (if you have indicated your child may sign themselves out of camp on their own, they will be dismissed no earlier than 1:00pm each day.)
3. **Optional Extended Care:** Has been CANCELLED this summer. All previous Extended Care enrolment will be fully refunded.
4. Enrolment per week has been capped at 25 to facilitate physical distancing.

What We Are Doing to Keep Your Child Safe

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Balmy Beach Canoe Club has been working hard to develop a camp program that reflects newly required safety measures, so that all of our campers, CITs and staff remain as safe as possible. Along with Wellness Screening (listed below), the following are changes being made to our Camp structure:

Groups:

Campers will be split into groups of 5 and paired with the same counsellor for the entire week. Groups will **NOT** be allowed to have contact with each other.

IMPORTANT: If you would like to request your child **be grouped with a friend/relative**, please email us at bbccsportscamp@gmail.com prior to your week of enrolment. Groups **cannot** be changed once they have been formed, therefore only requests sent by email beforehand will be considered when the groups are being created.

Programming:

Programming will be focused on small group activities as well as activities that are consistent with physical distancing protocols.

All usual afternoon paddling sessions at the Ashbridge's Bay will be cancelled. All scheduled off-site field trips, including Wet 'n' Wild Waterpark and Treetop Trekking are also cancelled.

Swimming at the Donald D. Summerville pool will be replaced with safe, contained swimming in Lake Ontario in the presence of a City of Toronto qualified Lifeguard, as well as increased Staff/Camper ratios. Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) will be mandatory for lake swimming. If your camper has a PFD (Life-jacket), it is requested that you send it to camp with your child for swimming. We have a limited number of PFDs and will need to limit sharing. If sharing is necessary, all club owned PFDs will be sanitized between uses.

This change will depend on the status of the Summerville pool re-opening for the summer of 2020.

Cleaning and Disinfecting:

We will be dedicating 3 staff members per week to be focused on "COVID Protocols". This means that all high-touch areas such as washrooms and equipment will be disinfected continually each day. These staff will also be facilitating staggered use of our facilities and equipment.

Inclement Weather:

In situations with heavy rain, thunder, lightning, or other active weather, all campers will have to be brought into our indoor facility together. In this situation, effective physical distancing may be impossible. Therefore, before entering, all campers must put on effective PPE, such as a properly fitted mask. Within the facility, groups will be as distant as possible from each other.

If the weather is poor, you are welcome to phone ahead if you wish to retrieve your child from camp early. Similarly, you may contact us if you wish to keep your child home if the daily forecast predicts poor weather.

What We Expect From Our Campers**Code of Conduct:**

Each camper will be asked to agree to a code of conduct while at camp. As staff are acting in the interest of safety for all participants, it is imperative that all campers understand to closely follow all directions from staff. *Campers who are unable or unwilling to follow the camp code of conduct may be asked to leave camp to protect the safety of all participants.* As always, positive behaviour management will be implemented prior to asking any child to leave camp. The Code of Conduct requires your camper to adhere to the actions listed below:

1. Practicing Effective Physical Distancing
2. Practicing Respiratory Etiquette (ie. using elbows to cover sneezes and coughs)
3. Frequently Washing Hands and Applying Hand Sanitizer
4. Properly Wearing a Fitted Mask When Instructed to do so.
5. Closely Following All Further Directions Given by All Staff Members

What You Need To Do

Fees:

In light of this change to our programming, the price for a week of Sports Camp has been adjusted to **\$170.00**.

IMPORTANT: *We understand this change may not work for everyone. All participants are required to contact us indicating if you would like to maintain your registration and, if you have already paid, receive a partial refund. Or, if you would like to cancel your registration, you will receive a full refund of any monies paid. Please email us your preference at bbccsportscamp@gmail.com by no later than TUESDAY JUNE 30th 2020. It is important to contact us either way so that space can be opened up for those waiting in line.*

All refunds will be processed directly to credit card/Pay-pal accounts, and it may take several business days for the refund to appear on your statement.

Forms:

The BBCC Sports Camp has introduced a **mandatory waiver form** to be signed by all participants in our camp program. This waiver is available on our website and will also be sent to you within a week of your camp enrolment. If you do not receive an email within the week prior to your enrolment, *please check your Junk folder as well as your inbox*. Waivers must be signed and delivered to the Camp Director on the Monday of your camp week. Campers who arrive without a signed waiver will **NOT** be allowed to attend camp until a waiver form is completed.

Wellness Screening:

All parents/guardians are required to complete a **mandatory wellness evaluation** of their camper before arriving at camp each morning. This screening will include daily checking of your child's temperature at home – to be reported to staff upon arrival at camp. More information on screening will be sent to you closer to your week of enrolment. Any camper who fails to complete or pass the screening will **NOT** be allowed to enter the camp facilities.

If your **camper is sent to camp on his/her own** you will be required to text or email the answers to the screening questions prior to each day of camp. If they do not pass screening, or have not checked their own temperature each morning before arrival, the camper will be isolated until he/she is screened or, as a last resort, will be sent home as soon as parents/guardians have been contacted.

IMPORTANT: *If your child or anyone they have had close contact with is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please do not bring your child to camp. You may contact the Camp Director by phone at 647-270-1052 to explain the reason for your child's absence.*

If your child will be absent for a reason unrelated to COVID-19 symptoms, it is also important that you contact the Camp Director by phone or email so as not to trigger a COVID alert.

What Should my Child Bring to Camp Each Day?

The following list includes all of the items that are mandatory for each camper to bring with them each day:

1. Bicycle and fitted helmet.
2. Personal Bike lock (there will not be sharing of locks this summer).
3. Personal, fitted PPE mask, either re-usable or disposable.
4. Personal Water Bottle (sharing water bottles will NOT be permitted).
5. Personal snacks (there will be 2 snack breaks per day. A full lunch will not be required. Sharing food will NOT be permitted).
6. Swimsuit and Towel.
7. Personal Sunscreen.
8. Hat
9. Personal Life-jacket (if you currently have one at your disposal since the Club has a limited supply of PFDs)

Our policies have been developed along the safety guidelines provided by **Ontario Public Health**. These guidelines may be found at the following link if you would like to read further on what Ontario camps are doing to keep your children safe:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_summer_day_camps_guidance.pdf

If you have any questions about our new safety policies, please see our website balmybeachcanoe.com or contact Chris D'Angelo at bbccsportscamp@gmail.com.

Most importantly, we would like to thank you for attention, patience and support of Balmy Beach Sports Camp. We understand this has been a difficult time and we are excited to provide your children with a safe and fun camp for this summer!

Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,

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