



Burlington Recreation and Parks Summer Camp 2020 Update

As you all know, this has been a very unpredictable time and a huge shift from our “normal.” We wanted to reach out regarding the updates for the 2020 Summer Camp season. Please keep in mind that the following changes are based on CDC and NCDHHS guidelines and Governor Cooper’s phased recommendations and are subject to change based on public health data and trends.

We are pleased to announce that we will be operating Summer Day Camp this summer from July 6 – August 7, 2020. This allows time to put new policies and procedures into place based on the guidelines from the CDC and NCDHHS, obtain the approved cleaning and disinfecting supplies and properly train our staff. With the recent decision of ABSS to start the 2020-2021 school year one week earlier, we will operate through August 7 in order to maintain our full staff list. To make camp possible during the Pandemic, we will be reducing camper attendance numbers and camp sites. Please see below for more details.

New this summer, we will be offering Camp Mayco at the North Park Mayco Bigelow Center (849 Sharpe Rd.). This will allow more site opportunities that can accommodate appropriate social distancing measures.

Several of our camp sites will not be in operation this summer. The facility used at Camp Elon is not conducive to social distancing measures. These campers are welcome to transfer to any of our remaining sites that have openings: Camp Fairchild (827 S. Graham Hopedale Rd.), Camp Mayco and Camp Overbrook (1330 Overbrook Rd.). *Camp St. Mark’s is still operating but remains full.* Camp St. Mark’s will operate with reduced numbers to the first 50 that registered on March 4, 2020. Due to the number of field trips taken each day, Camp Explorers is not feasible to operate this summer. Based on our age limit restrictions, only those campers from Explorers that are 12 years old may attend another camp location.

Additionally, as a result of the school system closure and to ABSS’s preparation for the 2020-21 school year, we will not be using Grove Park Elementary as a camp site this summer. Campers from this site location will be moved to Thataways Youth Center (1334 Overbrook Rd.).

Furthermore, we will not be offering Specialty Camps or Camp Green Leaves this year due to social distancing measures, shared equipment and bus protocols (see additional Camp Green Leaves update).

Below are the precautions that we have put into place for summer 2020:

- Camper attendance numbers will be reduced to safely accommodate the space at each site.
- Campers will be placed into groups of 10 based on their age with 2 counselors per group. Campers will remain in these groups for the duration of camp to prevent intermingling.
- Due to social distancing limitations and bus sanitizing protocols, we will not be operating field trips this summer.
- We will have designated supplies for each camper to use during the week, so they will not be sharing communal art supplies or toys.
- Games and activities will be structured to enforce social distancing measures.
- We will offer increased outside play during appropriate weather conditions.
- Cleaning and sanitation practices will be increased. We will have staff with the designated responsibility to clean and sanitize throughout the day.

- Based on the recommendations from the CDC, cloth face masks will be worn by campers and staff during indoor activities when maintaining 6 feet is not feasible. We will supply campers with masks.
- We will be doing a temperature and health screening for campers and staff daily. Campers will have their temperatures checked upon arrival and during lunch. If any camper or staff displays a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they will not be permitted to remain at camp.
- If a camper develops symptoms during the day, they will be isolated and will have to be picked up immediately. Campers will be excluded from camp until they can answer YES to ALL the following questions (per NCDHHS):
 - Has it been at least 10 days since you first had symptoms?
 - Have you been without fever for three days (72 hours) without any medicine or fever?
 - Has it been three days (72 hours) since your symptoms have improved?
- We will be limiting the number of individuals allowed at camp sites. Therefore, we have developed a drive thru pick-up and drop-off procedure for campers. Temperature and health checks will be conducted before the camper can enter the site. Each family member will be given a car placard with their camper(s) name to be called during pick up. We will still require adults to show their IDs before they can take a camper home.
 - We will place designated staff outside at drop off, from 7/7:30-9am, and pick up, from 4-5:30pm. If assistance is needed outside of these times, please call the camp cell phone or inform the camp director in advance.
- In keeping with the limitation of individuals allowed at camp sites, we will not be utilizing volunteers this summer.
- We will have increased hand sanitizer stations and designated hand-washing times. All campers will be expected to practice proper hand-washing techniques.
- During meals and snacks, all campers will be socially distanced from one another. Lunch will be conducted in shifts at each camp site.
- The free Summer Feeding Program will be available this year for all camp sites.
- If your camper displays behaviors that are not conducive to social distancing measures, we reserve the right to suspend them from camp. Please see the refund policy below.
- Any scenario in which many people gather together poses a risk for COVID-19 transmission. Burlington Recreation & Parks will follow guidelines published by the CDC and NCDHHS to minimize the opportunity for COVID-19 transmission, however, families must recognize that it is currently impossible to eliminate all risk of transmission when participating in activities outside of the home.
 - *Before your camper can attend, parents will be asked to provide a signed copy of The City of Burlington's Liability Waiver Release for Communicable Diseases (found on the website).*

While this is certainly not how we wanted to proceed this summer, these changes will help keep staff and campers safe. Please bear with us as we do our best to provide a safe and fun experience for your camper.

We understand if this year's modified summer camp won't meet the needs of your family. If you would like a refund, please submit your request in writing to recreation@burlingtonnc.gov before the start of camp. Specialty Camp refunds will automatically be issued. A full refund will be issued to any camper that cancels before July 6, 2020. If a camper must withdraw from this program during the first week of camp, a 50% refund will be available. After this time, no refunds will be made. In the event of a suspension, refunds will not be given.

If you would like to remain at camp this year, we will transfer your payment to the first operational week of camp. *We will be calling each family within the next week to determine which option works best.* Due to increased staffing needs, cleaning and sanitizing supplies and individual supplies for campers, there will not be a reduction in weekly rates and there are no paid in full options. Those who have paid in full and would like to remain at camp will be issued a refund minus the 5 weeks of camp. Please refer to the "Quick Day Camp Guide for Families" document regarding fees, payments and additional policies at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/youth. For additional questions, please call the BRPD Main Office at (336) 222-5030.