



Cherokee Recreation and Parks – Summer Camp COVID-19 FAQ

The health and safety of our members and staff is of the utmost importance to Cherokee Recreation and Parks (CRPA) programming. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and the recommendations of not only the Center for Disease Control (CDC) but also Governor Kemp's orders and the Georgia Department of Health and Human Services and how those recommendations impact summer programming.

Our main goal is to take care of our programming community and ensure that we are making sure that we are making the camper's safety and our staff safety a top priority. **Please note that with the ever-fluid situation, any of the following could change or be updated, if we are given more information as it pertains to COVID-19.**

Q. Will CRPA Camp programming run this summer?

A. The health and safety of our campers and staff is our top priority. After reviewing Governor Kemp's orders, direction from the CDC, and from the American Camp Association, we have decided to run camp for the 2020 season in an adapted capacity.

Q. When will you announce summer registration dates (regular and early)?

A. The COVID-19 situation changes daily and we are monitoring federal, state and local health agencies. As of right now all registration dates are as follows:

- Early Registration for Adventures Express and KAOS Camp, for those who attended 7 or more weeks of summer camp in 2019, **and** for all specialty camps will occur on **Monday, June 1st starting at 9 AM.**
 - **Early Registrants - please note that due to our timeline this year you will only have two full days to register instead of the usual week. We want to make sure you can plan accordingly.**
- Regular registration for Adventures Express & KAOS camp will start **Wednesday, June 3rd at 9 AM.**
- **We HIGHLY encourage you to register online for all camps.** This year spots are even more limited than usual, so we recommend that your REC1 account is up to date and ready to register by your registration date. Also note that our lobby at the Recreation Center only allots for 5 individuals to be in the lobby at one time, under our current guidelines. **Though we will have waitlists for all of our camps, registration will be first come, first serve.**

Q. What are you doing to prevent someone from bringing COVID-19 into camp?

A. First, families must monitor their personal situations and not let anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been around anyone with COVID-19 symptoms attend camp. Health screenings will happen upon arrival at camp. These screenings apply to camp staff and participants. Individuals who do not pass this screening will be sent home.

Q. What steps is CRPA taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19, if camp does open?

A. In addition to CRPA’s typical programming safety procedures we will be meeting the required guidelines given to us by Governor Kemp. We will be implementing the following procedures for our 2020 summer season:

- Temperature checks and health screenings for all staff and campers upon the arrival of camp
 - Campers and staff should not have a temperature of 100.4 or greater and must not exhibit any of the following signs: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, other respiratory symptoms or at least two of the following: chills, repeated shakes with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell
- Deep cleaning of all utilized spaces and bathrooms, 3 – 4 times daily
- Disinfection of all utilized camp equipment used by campers and staff after every use
- Frequent cleaning of all used surfaces, walls, flooring, picnic tables and benches
- Practicing Social Distancing when practical
- Training for camp staff in communicable diseases recognition and proper cleaning
- Posted signs at the entrance of buildings instructing campers and families that they cannot enter if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 or come into contact with a person that has or is suspected to have COVID-19 within the past (14) days
- Posted signage throughout the facility about the importance of hand washing and other prevention practices – including social distancing when possible.
- Creating contactless check in and check out forms, along with utilizing a car rider line
- Campers are encouraged to wear masks and staff are required to wear masks when applicable

All 32 minimum guidelines given by Governor Kemp are met in our adapted version of camp for the 2020 season. Camper and Staff health and safety are our top priority.

Q. Who is guiding your camp health and safety plans?

A. We are diligently looking at information from the Center of Disease Control (CDC), the GA Health Department, the American Camp Association (ACA), and state and federal guidelines in making our decisions to open camp, along with our adapted policies and procedures.

Q. What can I do as a precaution to keep my camper and other campers safe while attending a CRPA camp?

A. Precautions that you and your family can take are:

- Keep your camper at home if they or anyone they have come in contact with, present symptoms of any kind such as: frequent coughing, shortness of breath, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.
- Keep your camper at home if they or anyone they have come in contact with has traveled out of the county in the last 14 days.

- Keep your camper home if they or anyone they have come in contact with has tested positive for COVID-19 or is being investigated for possible infection.
- Encourage your camper to not share any food, clothes or personal items with other campers
- Encourage your camper to practice proper hand washing at camp *and* at home.

Q. Will any of your camps programming change, due to COVID-19?

A. While we hope to not have to change the overall day-to-day experience for any of our campers, we will continue to follow guidelines issued by the ACA, and CDC. As we follow these guidelines, we have decided to cancel all offsite and onsite field trips, as well as to cancel any scheduled food services that we provided – such as Pizza Mondays, various lunches, and our snack cart. We have implemented numerous safety/ cleaning precautions and have adapted many of our games. We have also decided to limit the number of campers that are allowed in camp each week, again based off recommendations from our sources.

As new information emerges in regards to COVID-19, we will be closely monitoring guidelines from the CDC and the ACA to make sure our policies and procedures around the health and safety of our campers and staff are as effective as possible.

Q. If CRPA does have to make the decision to cancel camp, after it has opened – will we get refunds?

A. If any of our summer programs are cancelled as a result of COVID-19, any payments made will be subject to a full refund.

Q. If camp is not cancelled but I no longer feel safe sending my child to camp, will I receive a full refund?

A. We encourage all families who are unsure about registering until they feel comfortable to register. If a family wants to consider cancelling after they have registered, you will place a request with the Coordinator. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis considering all factors, including those from the CDC.

Q. How do I get updated on further communications about summer camp status and COVID-19?

A. We plan to update you all via our Facebook page, our website www.playcherookee.org and via email as soon as we know more information.