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SF Recreation & Park Summer Day Camp 2020 FAQs

Following are eligibility guidelines for SF Recreation and Park's (SFRPD's) Summer Day Camp Program 2020, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

How do I register my child for the SFRPD Day Camp Program?

- Visit sfrecpark.org/register
- For citywide camp registration information, visit [DCYF.org/care](https://dcyf.org/care)
- You can also call the Registration number at 628-652-2900

What are the hours of the SFRPD Day Camp Program?

- SFRPD Summer Day Camp programs are open 8:30am-5:30pm

Is there extended care available for the SFRPD Day Camp Program?

- No. Extended care is not available for this program.

What is the ratio of staff to children/youth in the Day Camp?

- Following DPH guidelines, SFRPD Day Camp Programs:
 - Have a maximum group or "pod" size of 12 children/youth
 - Have a ratio of one staff person to 12 children, with a minimum of two staff people onsite at all times
 - Some sites two-three pods of campers
 - Pods do not mix
 - Children cannot change pods or camps once camp begins

If the camp I signed my child up for isn't meeting our needs or expectations, can I switch to another camp?

- No. Per DPH guidelines, once children start with a camp or pod, they cannot change. To see the DPH guidelines, visit <https://www.sfcddp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID19-Schools-Childcare-FINAL-04.21.2020.pdf>

What kind of training does the SFRPD Day Camp Program staff have for working with children?

- Most SFRPD staff people have years or even decades of experience working with children and youth in a variety of settings, including early childhood, after school, summer day camp, and specialized program areas such as Aquatics, Cultural Arts, Extreme Sports, and Outdoor Recreation.
- Because we have activated all our Recreation staff to work in the Summer Day Camp Program as Disaster Service Workers, some staff who normally work as lifeguards and facility monitors are also supporting the program

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What are SFRPD Summer Camp Program's guidelines around social distancing, health screening, and cleaning/disinfecting?

- SFRPD ECYC sites follow SF Department of Public Health (DPH) guidelines regarding social distancing for Day Camp programs. Visit <https://www.sfc-dcp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID19-Schools-Childcare-FINAL-04.21.2020.pdf> for DPH social distancing, disinfecting, and health screening.

Will you be administering temperature checks at your Summer Day Camp sites?

- Yes. The safety of the children in our care is our top priority. Beginning the first day of camp, we will be taking the temperatures of children and staff onsite. When children arrive, a staff member wearing fresh gloves and seated behind a plastic barrier will take their temperatures using an infrared "touchless" thermometer that is disinfected after each use. Children or staff members with fevers over 100 will not be allowed to enter the facilities.
- We know this may slow the sign-in process, but we appreciate your understanding as we take these steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

What are the social distancing and hygiene guidelines for children and youth in the SFRPD Summer Camp Program?

- While young children cannot be expected to understand and strictly adhere to social distancing and hygiene guidelines, SFRPD Summer Day Camp Program participants **must be able to follow directions** regarding social distancing with **verbal prompting**—such as handwashing, allowing six feet of space from peers and staff—to be eligible for the SFRPD Summer Day Camp Program

What are the personal care guidelines for children and youth participating in the SFRPD Summer Camp Program?

- Staff can provide reminders/prompts, but children/youth must be independent with personal care, such as washing hands, toileting, and dressing if clothes become soiled.

What are the guidelines regarding medication in the SFRPD Summer Camp Program?

- SFRPD staff can only administer emergency medication, such as epi-pens.
- If children/youth must take other medications, staff can hold the medications in the Summer Day Camp site office and can bring the medication out and prompt the child/youth to take the medication at the appropriate time(s). SFRPD is not responsible if you forget to bring the medication home at the end of the day, so you should ensure that you have extra medication at home.

What are the behavioral guidelines in the SFRPD Summer Day Camp Program?

- SFRPD strives to use positive behavior management techniques in all our programs, including the Summer Camp Program
- We welcome conversations with teachers or other people who have worked with your child/youth, to learn how to work with his/her/their behaviors
- All children/youth must be able to follow the eligibility guidelines above, including following directions around social distancing and hand washing.
- Children must not present a danger to themselves or others

- Many of the SFRPD Summer Camp sites are in dense, high traffic areas, and do not have closed gates or natural barriers, so children/youth must be able to stay with the group and must not have any current or recent patterns of elopement.
- We will work with families on behavior issues, and develop a Behavior Plan if needed
- If we are unable to work with certain unsafe behaviors, or behaviors that are disrupting the program, we may ask your child/youth to take a break from the program, until we can meet with you to reassess the Behavior Plan
- If, after trying all the above, we are still unable to work with your child/youth's behaviors, we may dismiss your child/youth from the Summer Camp Program. Know that this is our last resort, and we will do all we can to avoid dismissal.

Can children/youth with disabilities participate in the SFRPD Summer Camp Program?

- The SFRPD Summer Camp Program welcomes children and youth with disabilities, and we will do our best to provide accommodations
- You can contact our Inclusion Services Division at 415-206-1546 or RPDTR@sfgov.org before you register, as we may be able to help recommend the best site—for example if your child has sensory issues and needs a separate quiet space, some sites may be better than others
- A Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) will ask you to fill out and return a Leisure Interests and Functional Abilities form online, and will suggest meeting with you and your child over Zoom or FaceTime, or talk to you over the phone, to get to know your child/youth
- The CTRS will create a “Fact Sheet,” to provide for Summer Camp site staff to get to know your child/youth better
- Our CTRS can discuss needed accommodations, though due to the current local emergency, and deployment of SFRPD staff as Disaster Service Workers, we are extremely limited in our ability to increase staff to child/youth ratios, including providing one-on-one support.
- All children/youth must follow the guidelines above to participate in the SFRPD Summer Camp Program

Can I provide my own aide for my child in the SFRPD Summer Day Camp Program?

- Yes, providing your own aide is an option. Contact us at rpdtr@sfgov.org or 415-206-1546 to discuss this option with us.

Where do I go if I have more questions?

- Visit the DCYF ECYC FAQ page at <https://www.dcyf.org/carefaq>
- Call the Summer Camp Registration number at 628-652-2900
- Email rpinfo@sfgov.org for questions specific to the SFRPD Camp Program
- For questions relating to participation of children with disabilities, email rpdtr@sfgov.org or call 415-206-1546