



Camp FunStuff

Portsmouth Recreation Department

Commonly Asked Questions

How does Camp FunStuff look like this year compared to previous years?

- Operating in pods of 15 campers with 2 staff members
- Each pod will have its own schedule
- No bus field trips – *might be possible to do some local trip in later session* – such as New Castle Common, Fort Foster, Bowling
- Mostly outside
- Large tent in field

Face Mask Use at Camp (as of June 1, 2021)

- Staff and campers will wear face masks at all times when interacting with staff and campers from another pod
- Masks will be worn at all times by individuals when off camp property and in public/community locations.
- Any persons enters camp property (e.g., parents/guardians, visitors, vendor deliveries, etc.) should wear face masks at all times when in proximity of unvaccinated population.

What will pick up and drop off time be?

Drop-off Time: 7:30 am – no earlier, please arrive by 8:00am – After 8:00am- we start moving away from the Connie Bean Center.

Pick-up Time: 3:15 -3:30pm – officially late at 3:40pm

What if I need to drop off after 8:00am or pick up before 3:15pm?

For your child's benefit, please arrive on time. It is often difficult for late campers to adjust to the camp day, and it is also disruptive for all of the campers in their pod.

Never drop your child off at camp unattended.

Please call/email the Camp Director, Lexy van Binsbergen at (603) 765-2180 to coordinate alternative drop-off and pick-up time. The Camp Director will be coordinator with camper's counselor and get your camper smoothly back into their pod.

After 8:00am and before 3:15pm, campers will be in varies location around the City of Portsmouth and might not be at the Connie Bean Center.

If your child is going to be absent, especially for multiple days, then we appreciate an email avanbinsbergen@cityofportsmouth.com to inform us of the absence.

What is the late policy?

Prompt pickup is vital!

Staff has work/personal obligations after closing time each day and late pickup incurs extra costs to pay for staff to stay later than scheduled time. Please consider weather/traffic conditions and have an alternative pick-up plan with neighbors, relatives or friends to ensure on time pick-up.

If you arrive after 3:40pm:

- 1) Verbal & Written warning
- 2) You will be charged a \$10 late pick up fee.
- 3) The parent(s) will be required to meet with the Director before the child may return to the program.
- 4) Continued disregard for the pick-up time is cause for the child's termination from the program.

If a parent or authorized pick-up person does not arrive or call by **3:45pm**, staff will assume an emergency exists and will begin to call emergency contacts for your child.

What will pick-up and drop off look like?

- One way drop up/pick off in front of Connie Bean
- All cars exiting on Rodgers Street
- Masks are required during drop off and pick up. (Due possible mixing of pods)
- Please bring your own pen for drop off and pick up to sign camper in and out of camp

Parents/caregivers and camper(s) will check in and out with camp staff. Campers should stay in the car until met by camp staff. Camper should be wearing a mask when exit the car.

Campers will exit the car will head their pod at its designed meeting spot.

Alternative pick-up person: Please notify the camp in writing if your camper is coming home with someone other parent/ caregiver. Please tell alternative pick up person that their ID will be checked to confirm that the camp is releasing your child is to correct person.

Bathroom:

Campers will be able to use port-o-potties on the Connie Bean field, which are professional cleaned.

What will typical day at Camp will look like?

** Times are subject to change based – events and activity**

Sample daily Schedule

7:30 -8:00am drop-off – hang out in pods meeting area – small group activity

8:00-9:30 Activity Block 1

9:30 -9:45 Morning snack/ water / Bathrooms

9:45 -11:00 Activity block 2

11:00-11:15 bathrooms/ water break

11:15- 12:30 Activity Block 3

12:30 Lunch/ bathroom

1:00-2:00 Activity Block 4

2:00-2:15 Afternoon snack/Bathroom/ water break

2:15-3:15 Activity Block 5

3:15- 3:30 pick –up – hang out in pods meeting area – small group activity

What camper should bring to camp?

1) Water bottle

2) Sunscreen

- Please apply sunscreen prior to arrival to camp and pack sunscreen to reapply later in the day.

3) Lunch and snacks in a well-insulated container or cooler

4) Wearing sneakers.

5) Day Bag or backpack

Camp FunStuff recommends that your camper bring a day bag to store their item. In their Day bag – water, 2 snacks, lunch, sun screen, additional weather appropriate clothing (rain jacket, long sleeve shirt). Please don't overload their day bags, camper may be carrying their bags to alternative location such as the Pierce Island Pool or 4 Tree Island.

****Camp FunStuff recommends that everything should be label with your child name on it.****

What should we pack for food?

The camp day can be long, active and tiring; therefore healthy, nutritious food choices are very important for campers. There are 2 planned snack time and lunch.

Please pack your camper a lunch, 2 snacks and extra drinks. Plus a refillable water bottle.

Pack food in a well-insulated container or cooler. There is **no refrigerator** available for lunch/snack storage.

Campers often like to trade or share snack items with each other. If you have specific expectations for your camper about what they should and should not eat, please explain this to them. Counselors are asked only to remind campers of parental expectations with snacks and lunches.

What will the cleaning protocols be?

This summer we working with our local health official to establish a cleaning schedule.

Sharing equipment will be wiped down between pods.

Plenty of hand sanitizer for campers and staff to use frequently.

What is Appropriate Clothing to wear to Camp?

Recommended attire:

- Shorts
- T-shirt
- Sneakers
- hat

Campers will spend most of the day outside, moving around. Clothing should be comfortable. Clothing will get dirty throughout the day, so casual play clothes are recommended. T-shirts and shorts are encouraged. Full coverage shirts are encouraged over sleeveless shirts to better protect campers from the sun. Weather can change hour to hour, so we encourage dressing in layers and bringing a sweatshirt or windbreaker in case it gets chilly.

Sunscreen

For the safety of our campers, please apply sunscreen to child before coming to camp. Campers will be expected to have sun block with them at camp to re-apply throughout the day. Camp staff will remind campers to re-apply sun block at the beginning of each activity block. Per department policy, counselors are not allowed to apply sunblock to campers. Spray sunscreens are typically easier for campers to reapply during the day. If the child refuses to use sunscreen, parents will be notified to pick up their child immediately.

What should be expect at the outdoor Pool?

Campers will be walking from the Center Bean Connie to the Peirce Island Pool (0.9 miles). Weather cooperating, campers will swim 2-3 a week at Peirce Island Pool.

- Campers who choose to swim in the pool must wear a swimsuit.
- We recommend swimsuits that are comfortable for active play and easy for a camper to put on independently.
- Drying off with a towel helps to keep campers comfortable for the remainder of the day.

Please pack in swimsuit and towel in their day bag. Check weekly email for pool days.

Is Camp Funstuff a Good Fit For Your Camper?

The following list highlights the skills that help a child have a healthy and happy camp experience.

A Happy Summer Camper...

- Follows instruction in a large group dynamic

- Is willing to participate in group games and group oriented activities
- Enjoys being outdoors
- Likes to swim and be around the pool
- Works well with others in both small and large groups
- Enjoys walking and being physically active
- Can apply sunscreen independently
- Can independently change in and out of clothes /swim attire
- Understands the concept of respect for self and others
- Uses appropriate language
- Uses bathroom independently (potty trained)
- Comfortably engage in a full camp day without taking a nap

How will I know what my camper is doing each week?

On Fridays of each week, the Camp Director will email important information regarding schedules, field trips, special events, etc for the next week. Please read all information carefully and save it for future reference.

Rain Day

Camp will be held **rain or shine**. If raining, mornings & afternoons will be spent in the school doing various activities.

Refund Policy:

No refunds will be made for any single day that you are absent from camp. If you need to cancel for an entire week, one of two things must happen for a full refund:

- A two-week notice must be given.
- A slot can be filled by another child prior to the start of the session.

Screen- Free Technology policy

Camp FunStuff has a "Screen-Free" policy. We believe this policy cut down on distractions and increases campers' enjoyment. We want your child to engage with fellow campers and participate in the activities.

Please don't bring ipad, phones, tablets, hand-held gaming device to camp.

These devices have a way of getting lost or broken at camp.

Money

There is no money needed at camp. Please don't send your child with money. There is a risk the money could be misplaced or lost.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Bullying is when one or more people exclude, tease, taunt, gossip, hit, kick, or put down another person with the intent to hurt another. Bullying happens when a person or group of people want to have power over another and use their power to get their way, at the expense of someone else. Bullying can also happen through cyberspace: through the use of e-mails, text messaging, and instant messaging. This type of bullying can also lead to persons being hurt during or between the camp seasons and be especially hurtful when persons are targeted with meanness and exclusion.

At Camp FunStuff, bullying is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against all types of bullying. We strive to create an environment that ensures every camper has the opportunity to acquire skills, knowledge, friendships, and positive life experiences. We work together as a team to ensure that campers gain self-confidence, make new friends, and go home with great memories.

We will address all incidents of bullying seriously and train our counselor staff to alert us of any problems related to bullying.

Discipline Policy and Procedures:

If prolonged disciplinary problems continue with a child, the Portsmouth Recreation Department has the right to deny any child participation in the Camp FunStuff program.

As well as during the course of the day, the camp director can send a child home for disciplinary reasons once the parents have been notified. If parents cannot be reached, the child will sit in the Connie Bean Center with a staff member until someone can come and pick up the child.

A discipline policy is available on the Website. This discipline policy must be read and signed by the child and the parent, so there are no questions as to what the policies are.