



Frequently Asked Questions for Summer 2021

We have assembled a list of frequently asked questions for our camp community. While these questions cover a wide variety of topics, we know that you may have a unique question. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Camp Office, and we would be happy to help!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

What is Summer at Friends offering for Summer 2021?

Summer at Friends is offering an on-campus program and limited Virtual Summer programs. On-campus programs will look different from previous summers, but we think campers and families will love the options!

When is camp open?

Camp is open June 21 – August 13, except Monday, July 5. **Camp is closed on July 5th**, and fees are not prorated for this session.

There seems to be fewer options this summer, why?

We have taken careful measures to plan a summer program that is flexible enough to meet the ever-changing safety restrictions and guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic. We have reduced the number of groups and reduced the number of campers in each group to promote physical distancing. While there may be fewer options, we're confident that we have a fun summer planned! Many of your favorite programs have been combined. If you would like to discuss the best fit for your child, please contact the Camp Office!

Are spaces limited?

Yes! We have reduced both the number of groups and group sizes to promote physical distancing throughout the camp day. We anticipate many programs will sell out, so we encourage families to register early.

What happens if Camp needs to close?

We are planning to be on campus this summer. Some Virtual Summer Programs will also be offered for those who would prefer to remain off campus. In the unfortunate event that we are unable to operate our on-campus program, those already registered for camp will receive priority placement into an expanded lineup of Virtual Summer Programs, and your deposit would be applied to the Virtual Program.

Camp with confidence! In addition to priority placement into a Virtual Program, all additional monies paid (less the deposit and any other Virtual Summer Program fees) will be refunded.

Where can I find information about *Virtual Summer Programs*?

For complete information about our *Virtual Summer Programs*, visit the Virtual Summer Offerings page on our website.

NOTE: Virtual Summer Fees are non-refundable. We may add more Virtual Summer Programs at a later time!

Can I schedule a campus tour?

At this time, we are limiting visitors on campus and are not scheduling tours. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about camp or campus – just contact the Camp Office.

I want to talk to a director or staff member, can we chat in person?

We will gladly schedule a phone or “zoom” call with you. Please contact the Camp Office.

Staff members, at the drop-off/pick-up locations, have been instructed to minimize interaction with others to reduce contact.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

What sessions are offered?

There are 3 sessions this summer:

Session A (4 weeks from June 21-July 16, 9 am-3:30 pm)

Session B (4 weeks from July 19-August 13, 9 am-3:30 pm)

Super Session (8 weeks from June 21-August 13, 9 am – 5 pm).

When can I register for summer 2021?

Registration opens to the public in February and will remain open as space is available until the registration deadlines:

Registration Deadline for Session A and the Super Session: June 4

Registration Deadline for Session B: July 2

Registration Deadline for Virtual Session A: June 11

Registration Deadline for Virtual Session B: July 2

Please see COVID Safety Protocols below.

Can I register by the week?

No. This is a change for summer 2021. You must register for either a 4-week session or the eight-week Super Session.

Can I register for more than one session?

Yes! You can register for both Session A **and** Session B. You may select different programs for each session.

Can I register for a partial session?

Not usually. Due to our enhanced screening and cohorting policies this year, campers will remain in the same group cohort for an entire session. Contact the Camp Office with any questions.

I need to register siblings, can I use the same form?

No, you'll need to complete a separate form for each child.

Can I register for Virtual Summer and On-Campus programs on the same form?

Yes! You can register for both on the same form. However, make sure that your class times do not conflict! (You cannot participate in a Virtual Summer program and an On-Campus program at the very same time!)

What happens if I need to cancel my child's enrollment?

Please visit the ***Our Policies*** section for complete details. Changes and Cancellations must be received prior to the change and cancellation deadline for your program. After the deadline, no refunds will be given, and you will be charged the full amount for the program.

Deadline for Session A and the Super Session: Friday, June 4, 2021

Deadline for Session B: Friday July 2, 2021

PAYMENTS AND FEES

What is included in the camp fee?

Our pricing is all-inclusive! On-Campus programming includes lunch, snack, daily swimming, weekly themes, and a whole lot of summer fun! Our best value, the Super Session, includes convenient hours from 9 am to 5 pm every day, plus exclusive activities just for our eight-week campers!

Is my deposit applied to my camp balance?

Yes! Your deposit is applied to your camp balance. The deposit is \$200 prior to May 3. After May 3, full payment is due with your Enrollment Application.

Is my deposit refundable if my plans change?

The deposit is nonrefundable and nontransferable. However, if we are not able to offer On-Campus programs, your deposit will be applied to the *Virtual Summer Program* of your choice, and your camper will receive priority placement.

When is my payment due?

On Campus Camps: A \$200 deposit is due with your enrollment application. That deposit is applied to your overall camp balance. The remainder of the payment is due by

June 4, 2021 for Session A and the Super Session

July 2, 2021 for Session B

Please contact the Camp Office with any questions.

Virtual Summer Offerings: Payment for these programs is due with your application. Virtual Summer Fees are non-refundable.

CAMP GROUPINGS

How are campers grouped?

All campers are grouped into small groups (cohorts) within each camp. Each group's staff will remain with the group each day, and direct contact with other staff members (i.e. directors, nurses, special area teachers) will be limited.

What is "Cohorting"?

Cohorting refers to the practice of limiting the number of people that interact with each other throughout the day. Campers interact primarily with their own small groups, while limiting interaction with others.

Can I request a specific group for my child? Can my child be grouped with a friend?

We can accept one "group with" request for each camper. Please know that due to this year's smaller group sizes, we cannot guarantee placement. In order to be grouped together, campers must be in the same **session** (A, B, or Super Session) and in the same **program** (i.e. Intermediate Camp). Siblings enrolled in the same camp program will usually be placed in the same group.

Can my camper change groups mid-session?

No, campers may not change groups mid-session. Due to our enhanced screening and cohorting policies this year, campers will remain in the same group cohort for an entire session. We hope that greater scheduling flexibility will return next summer!

CAMP HOURS/DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP INFORMATION

What are the camp hours?

Camp hours depend on what session your camper is attending! **There is no Extended Day Program this year.**

9 am – 3:30 pm for those registered for Session A or Session B. Drop off begins at 9 am, and your child must be picked up by 3:30 pm. *A late fee is charged for all late pickups!*

9 am – 5 pm for those registered for the Super Session. Drop off begins at 9 am, and your child must be picked up by 5 pm. *A late fee is charged for all late pickups!*

Is there Morning Extended Day?

No. Camp drop off begins at 9 am for all groups. Each camp group (staff and campers) will remain together throughout the entire day. Therefore, we will not be regrouping for Extended Day.

Is there Afternoon Extended Day?

No. There is no daily or weekly PM Extended Day. Each camp group (staff and campers) will remain together throughout the entire day. Therefore, we will not be regrouping for Extended Day. *Those who need care until 5 pm should consider registering for the eight-week Super Session, as those groups stay daily until 5pm.*

What if I need to drop my child off late?

When you arrive on campus, call the Camp Office, and a staff member will meet you at your car to check in your child.

What if I need to pick up my child early?

If possible, please let the Camp Office know you will be picking up early. When you arrive on campus, call the Camp Office, and a staff member will bring your child to your car to sign out. To maintain groupings, campers will be kept with their group until you arrive on campus. It will take a few minutes for them to travel to your car.

What happens if I am late picking up my child?

All campers must be picked up by the end of their scheduled camp day (3:30 pm for those in Session A or B, and 5 pm for those in the Super Session.) A Late Pick-Up Fee of \$35 per quarter hour per family will be charged for campers who are not collected on time.

I walk to campus, how will drop-off/pick-up work?

Please let the Camp Office know if you will be walking to campus, and we will provide you with specific information depending on your child's group placement.

LUNCH & BEVERAGES

What's for lunch?

Lunch and snack are provided for all on-campus groups. Our lunch program has changed this year. Lunches will include a sandwich, a fruit item, a dessert item, and a beverage. All lunches will be prepared by the School's food service and delivered to the groups. Each group has an assigned indoor or outdoor eating space (depending on weather and other factors). Campers with special dietary needs or specific food preferences are welcome to bring their own non-perishable lunch. Refrigeration is not available. The Lunch Menu will be included with the Camper Information Packet. It will also be included in each week's Summer Snapshot newsletter available on our website.

Should my child bring a water bottle?

Yes! Hydration is an important part of staying healthy during the summer. To limit physical contact, water fountains have been deactivated, but water bottle filling stations are available. Campers should bring a refillable water bottle each day.

SWIMMING AND FIELD TRIPS

How does your swim program work? Do all campers swim every day?

All on-campus camp groups are scheduled to go swimming each day. Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Fun & Games, and Tech Tapas campers all have instructional swim time. All other groups have a daily recreational swim.

Please note: the swim program is subject to change based on state and local guidelines, and other COVID Safety considerations. It is our intent at this time that all groups will participate as scheduled in the swim program.

Where are your swimming pools located?

We have 2 outdoor swimming pools on campus.

Does your camp take field trips?

No. We believe that our campers are safest here on campus. Groups will enjoy a wide variety of activities on Friends School of Baltimore's 35+ acre campus!

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Does camp have a COVID-19 safety plan?

Yes, we have a plan, in addition to our existing Health & Safety Program. Protocols include measures such as physical distancing, dedicated separate group spaces, enhanced daily cleaning, frequent cleaning of high-touch points, frequent hand washing, a mask requirement, and a Community Code of Conduct to limit the spread of infection.

Does Summer at Friends have a Code of Conduct for COVID-19 safety?

Yes, the Code of Conduct is available here:

https://friendsbalt.myschoolapp.com/ftpimages/593/download/download_5410482.pdf

What is the 14-Day Pre-Check?

Fourteen days prior to a camper's start of on-campus summer programs, parents/guardians will be asked to log daily temperatures for each child and indicate if the child has any COVID-like symptoms. **This is required for all campers and staff.**

How are you tracking COVID-like symptoms?

Campers and staff will complete daily symptom checks before they arrive on campus each day. More information about the symptom check will be sent home prior to the start of camp. Camp staff will also be trained to spot signs of illness, and our Camp Nurse is available to assist ill campers.

Will you be checking temperatures daily?

Yes. All campers and staff will have their temperatures checked upon arrival each day. Those with a fever (an elevated temperature over 100.0 degrees), will not be allowed to attend camp. We ask that you also check your child's temperature at home, and do not bring them to campus if they have a fever over 100.0.

Will each group have a dedicated space?

Yes! Each group will have an assigned indoor group space plus an assigned outdoor space. Both spaces will be used throughout the day, as we believe a blend of indoor and outdoor time is important in ensuring a great camp experience!

What are your enhanced cleaning protocols?

High touch points will be cleaned throughout the day. All spaces will receive a thorough cleaning each night by the school's housekeeping staff.

Do you have a hand-hygiene protocol?

Absolutely! Frequent handwashing throughout the day is encouraged and expected of campers and staff. Groups have access to bathrooms with sinks, and hand sanitizer is available in multiple campus locations.

Are parents/guardians or other visitors allowed in the campus buildings?

No. Parents are not allowed in school buildings. At this time, we will not be inviting visitors on to campus for any activities. All drop off and pick up will be done from the curb. (Parents picking up a camper from the health suite will receive instructions from the nurse as needed.)

Are masks required?

Everyone on campus is expected to wear a mask. This includes parents/guardians in their car during drop-off and pick-up. Campers and staff will wear masks at all times except: while eating lunch or snack, during water breaks, while actively swimming in the pool, and during certain isolated outdoor activities.

What types of masks are acceptable?

We require cloth or "surgical style" masks **without** a valve. "Gaiter" style masks are not acceptable. The mask should completely cover the nose, mouth, and chin. Minimally, masks should be changed daily, and washed or disposed of after each use according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Please send your child with an extra mask inside a sealed "zip" style bag each day. Your child's name should be on the mask and on the bag. We will have limited disposable masks available for campers whose masks unexpectedly become soiled or unusable.

What if someone has difficulty wearing a mask and following the safety guidelines?

Health and safety are our main priority. If a community member is unable or unwilling to follow our safety guidelines, including the mask requirement, they will need to be removed from the program. We appreciate everyone's commitment to following all safety guidelines.

Will parents be notified of COVID cases at Camp?

Summer at Friends respects the privacy of our community. We report all cases to the Baltimore City Department of Health and Maryland Department of Health. We will follow the guidance of the State and Local Health Departments regarding any suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases amongst our community.

REQUIRED FORMS

What forms need to be submitted before my child can start camp?

All registered campers will receive a packet of required forms in May. Forms will vary depending on which program(s) your child will be attending. All campers will be required to submit a health form, the 14-day pre-screen, and a sunscreen permission form. Other forms may be required. Contact the Camp Office with any questions.

What if my child needs medication during the camp day?

Additional forms will be required. Contact the Camp Office with questions.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact the Camp Office: summercamp@friendsbalt.org