Whittier Kids Summer Day Camp 2020

Camp is held at Whittier Kids @ Whittier Elementary, 1320 NW 75th, Seattle, WA 98117.
Whittier Kids main entrance is in the lowered gated area at the front of Whittier Elementary. Our main door is the furthest to the right as you head down the ramp.

Sample Daily Schedule

9:00 – 9:30 am	Morning snack and morning meeting
9:30 – 10:30 am	Outside or gym time
10:30 – 11:30 am	Online learning (lessons vary in length) and free choice stations
11:30 – 11:45 am	Reading and quiet activities
11:45 – 12:15 pm	Lunch
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Outside or gym time
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Theme based project
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Free choice stations
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Afternoon snack and closing meeting

*Daily schedules will vary based on courtyard and gym rotation, the needs and interests of the group, changes in weather, etc.

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Please review the information below carefully as it is important families know what to expect when they arrive.

Drop off/pick up routine:

- Drop off/pickup will be in the courtyard (not inside of classrooms).
- When you arrive, be sure to wear your mask and maintain 6 feet of social distancing when coming into the courtyard.
- An email will be sent the week prior to each week of camp with specific classroom drop-off instructions.
- Teachers will be wearing a mask and will check in with you to get your child's temperature and sign them in.
- While checking in your child's teacher will do a health screening. This includes looking for visible and audible signs of illness, including asking them how they feel. If any symptoms are present, you will be notified and your child will not be permitted to attend.
- Pick up: Similar to drop off. A staff member will be standing at the door. If not, please knock. A staff member will have your child get their belongings and open the door for them. That staff member will sign them out.

Please bring the following to camp each day:

- Reusable water bottle and nutritious sack lunch. Please pack items in packages and containers that are easy for children to open and do not require reheating or refrigeration. Whittier Kids is providing morning and afternoon snacks.
- Appropriate shoes and layers of clothing as we will spend time outside.
- Sunscreen applied (**Note:** On our enrollment forms we request guardian permission for WK staff to apply our sunscreen or an alternate sunscreen provided by child's guardian. If you did not grant us this permission, we are unable to apply sunscreen. We can only apply an alternate sunscreen to your child with permission and if sunscreen is brought to camp labeled with your child's name. If at all possible, please have your child use Whittier Kids supplied sunscreen)

Please leave these items at home:

- Backpacks, wrist watches, gadgets, toys and electronic devices. We have devices on site provided by Whittier Elementary for students to use for online learning.
- Gum, candy, lip balm or hand sanitizer.
- Students do not need to bring a mask. Guardians may choose to have their child wear a mask.

COVID-19 Modifications

Whittier Kids is following all Seattle & King County Public Health guidance on reducing the spread of COVID-19 for childcare centers, including the steps listed below. We revised our daily schedules to incorporate additional health and safety measures into our routines and practices. We also adapted our program activities to align with recommendations from the King County Public Health Department and follow social distancing guidelines while promoting opportunities for socialization, learning and physical activities.

Current adaptations to our programing include:

- Decreasing programming to include no more than 10 people in a space at a time.
- Increasing the amount of time kids spend outside.
- Introducing interactive group games that do not involve touching.
- Offering board and table games that allow for ample space between players.
- Incorporating more individual stations to corral popular shared items. For example, students building with Legos together will each get a tray with clean Legos.
- Offering individual art and writing supply kits for kids to use each day.
- Requiring staff to wear masks during pick up and drop off as part of social distancing from families Staff providing breaks to classroom teachers have the option to wear a mask as well.
- Field Trips- We will be staying onsite. As the summer progresses, we will consider taking walking field trips to nearby parks and playing fields. We will notify families if walking field trips are planned and what precautions will be taken to encourage health and safety measures.

We are taking important steps to help prevent and prepare for cases of COVID-19 in the child care setting including:

- We created communication plans for use with the child care community and are staying in regular communication **with all parents, children, and staff, about** steps everyone can take to protect themselves and prevent further spread. We included messages to counter possible stigma and discrimination.
- We are asking families to check their children's temperature and ask staff to check their own temperature daily before coming to child care. If the temperature is equal to or greater than 100.4 F or if the person has a cough, runny nose, stuffy nose, or sore throat, we ask parents to keep their child at home and away from others, and ask ill staff members to stay at home and away from others. Ill children and staff will not be allowed to enter our facility.
- **We established a process for identifying and sending home children and staff who become sick.** In the event we have a confirmed case of COVID-19, we will close temporarily for cleaning. We will use the time to determine how much the illness spread. We will refer to the document, "Guidance for Child Care Administrators: What To Do When You Have a Positive COVID-19 Case In Your Community."
- We are choosing activities that encourage more physical space between children. We have also revised our usual child to staff ratio of 15:1 to 9:1 to meet the current social distancing recommendation (subject to change).
- We increased the frequency of when we clean, sanitize, and disinfect our child care center.
- We reviewed, updated, and are prepared to implement plans for emergencies.