

**CITY OF SAVANNAH**

**CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**SUMMER ARTS CAMP**



**Parents' Guide**

# SUMMER CAMP 2020

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### Planning for a Safer Summer

The City of Savannah’s top priority is the safety of the public and our employees. To better safeguard the public, the City has developed a phased *Safer Services Re-Opening Plan*, which re-opens City programs and services over five phases based on measurable improvement in local COVID-19 public health data. Youth Summer Camp 2020 is planned to begin in **Phase Three** of the Reopening Plan, if local COVID-19 data shows a decline in positive COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period following Phase Two implementation.

### Camp Registration and Fees

If local COVID-19 numbers show a continued decline, this year’s Summer Camp is projected to be offered for 4 weeks, starting July 6<sup>th</sup>. Priority placement is given to City of Savannah residents. Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list and contacted the week before camp about availability. Parents may register their children for Summer Camp and will be notified by email as soon as Summer Camp has been confirmed. Camp registrations will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis for each week of camp. All Campers must be registered by their legal parent or guardian. Summer lunch is included with the Camp.

Camp Weeks	Age Groups	Camp Fees*	Camp Days/Hours
Week 1: July 6 <sup>th</sup> Week 2: July 13 <sup>th</sup> Week 3: July 20 <sup>th</sup> Week 4: July 27 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 years old	City Residents: \$140 per week  Non-Residents: \$170 per week	<u>Monday – Friday</u> 8am-9am: Drop Off 9am-3pm: Camp 3pm-4pm: Pick-Up

\* Camp Fees must be paid the Friday prior to the week of camp. Financial Scholarships are available for eligible children. Payment – If payment is provided at the time of enrollment, **payment will be processed when camp is confirmed to proceed.** NO CASH is accepted. Money Orders, checks, and credit cards are accepted. Make checks/money orders payable to: City of Savannah

### Lunch

Campers must bring their own lunch each day. Lunch should be packaged in containers that the child can easily open. Do not send food that spoils easily, and nuts are not allowed in Camp under any circumstances.

### New Camp Size Limits

Along with a fun and fulfilling camp experience, the City’s Cultural Resources Department is planning this year’s Youth Summer Arts Camp with safety in mind. To comply with social distancing requirements, Camp sizes have been reduced to 18 participants maximum to ensure Campers can maintain six feet between Campers as well as Camp Instructors. Parents are encouraged to register Campers as soon as possible.

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### Camper Clothing/Attire

Campers should wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activities in warm summer weather. Athletic shoes/sneakers or other heel and toe-in, soft/rubber sole shoes are permitted. Sandals, flip-flops, slides and other open toe/heel shoes are NOT permitted. Clothing shall be free from words, slogans or pictures which advertise drugs, alcohol or sex, contain vulgar or offensive writing, racial slurs, suggestive pictures or emblems which refer to membership in a gang. Campers should also avoid wearing jewelry. To increase family safety in the home, Parents are also urged to have Camper's remove camp clothing once they return home and wash/laundry all camp clothes before wearing again.

### Camper Belongings

To minimize the number of objects in camp, Campers may bring ONE small bag/backpack with travel-size hand sanitizer, water bottle, and lunch. All objects must be labeled with the Camper's name. Campers may NOT bring personal toys, games, electronics or other objects of value. If brought to camp, these items will be confiscated. The City of Savannah will not be responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen belongings.

### Field Trips/Outing

Due to an inability to adequately safeguard against COVID-19, field trips have been suspended for the 2020 Summer Camp period.

### Who to Contact When You Have Questions

The Cultural Resources Administrative Office phone number is: 912-651-6783.

### NEW Safety Requirements for Parents and Campers

With the onset of COVID-19, it is extremely important that we implement new safety requirements.

- **Drop Off/Pick Up:** Campers may be dropped off between 8:00am and 9:00am. Parents must remain in the vehicle during drop-off/pick-up and remain in place while their Camper is screened for daily admittance to the camp. Camp staff will ask for your Camper's name and ensure the child is checked in each day, once cleared for entry.

Camp will end at 3:00 p.m. daily in order to provide adequate time for thorough cleaning of the camp facility. All Campers must be picked-up from Camp by 4:00 p.m. **Late pick-up will result in additional charges of \$.50 per minute.** Once a child is signed into camp, the child cannot leave without an authorized adult signing him/her out of camp.

- **Temperature/Health Screening:** All Campers will have their temperature checked daily before entering the camp facility. Parents will be asked a few health screening questions to determine if the child is free of COVID-19 symptoms (no chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste/smell, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, and high temperature greater than 100.4) and if the child has recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19. Campers who report or exhibit symptoms, such as a temperature above 100.4, will not be permitted to enter camp and must leave with the parent/caretaker.

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- **Face Coverings:** All City Staff and Campers must wear face coverings that shield the nose and mouth. Face coverings will help to protect other Campers and Camp Staff by keeping each person's respiration to themselves. Face coverings should be comfortable for the Camper and allow unrestricted breathing. Each Camper's name must be written on the outside of the face covering for identification. **To ensure face coverings remain with each Camper when removed from the face, please send your child with a face covering that can be secured behind the head and lowered as needed to eat, drink and participate in activities where face coverings are not suitable.** Face coverings that only attach behind the ears can easily be misplaced, drop to the floor/ground when not in use, and more easily become dirty or unusable.
- **Hand Washing/Sanitizer:** Campers will be required to use hand sanitizer upon entry into the Camp facility and to frequently wash their hands throughout the day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer. If you send your Camper with his/her own personal bottle of hand sanitizer, please ensure the hand sanitizer is in a travel-size container and labeled with your child's name.
- **Social Distancing:** To the extent possible, Campers will be expected to maintain a six (6) foot distance throughout the day. To help Campers maintain a safe distance, signage will be prominently displayed throughout the facility, the floor will be clearly marked with walkways and directional arrows, and each Camper will be assigned to a specific Camp Group and seating location for the week. Camp activities also have been modified to help encourage and maintain social distancing as much as possible. **While Camp Staff will do all they can to socially distance Campers throughout the day, Campers WILL come into closer contact with other campers and touch surfaces and objects handled by others. Parents/Guardians expecting their Camper to never come into contact with conditions that pose a possible risk of exposure to COVID-19 or other contagions are advised NOT to place their child in Summer Camp.**
- **Health Etiquette:** Camp Staff will instruct and reinforce the importance of Campers covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, throwing the used tissue in the trash, and washing/sanitizing their hands. If a tissue is not available, campers will be taught to cough and sneeze into the inside of their elbow, which may be followed up with washing arms and hands.
- **Emergency Contact Information:** Parents MUST provide current, working phone numbers where the parent or other emergency contact can be reached in the event of an emergency.
- **Isolation Area for Sick Campers:** Campers who are sick or recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19 should stay home, monitor their health, and contact their physician as necessary for further guidance. For children who have entered camp, Parents/Emergency Contacts will be notified immediately when a Camper is exhibiting COVID-like symptoms. The Camper will be placed in a separate room where Camp staff will monitor the Camper until the Parent/Emergency Contact arrives. All children who exhibit COVID symptoms must be picked-up immediately after notification.

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- **Returning to Camp after Sickness/Exhibiting COVID-like Symptoms:** Campers will not be permitted to return to Camp until the Camper has taken a COVID-19 test and received a negative test result and is fever/symptom-free for 72 hours.
- **Parent Responsibility to Inform Camp Staff of Campers Testing Positive for COVID-19:** For the safety of all Campers and Staff, parents MUST notify Camp Staff of any Camper testing positive for COVID-19. Notification is REQUIRED so that Camp Staff can implement additional safeguards, including notifying Parents of Campers who may have been in close contact with the Camper who tested positive. **If a Camper tests positive, Parents should expect the Camp site to close for one or more days to allow staff to clean and sanitize the facility.**

Failure to notify Camp Staff of children who test positive for COVID-19 or providing misleading/dishonest information about the child's symptoms or exposure to other individuals with COVID-19, will result in removal from Summer Camp for the rest of the term.

- **Hold Harmless Waiver Acknowledging Risk of Contracting COVID-19:** All parents must sign a waiver acknowledging the increased risks/dangers of possible exposure to COVID-19 to their child from his/her participation in Summer Camp, accepting full responsibility for these risks and holding the City and its representatives harmless. For information on COVID-19 risks and increased risks to vulnerable populations, please visit the website of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### Discipline Policy and Guidelines

#### **CHARACTER CODE FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS**

- I will show respect by treating other children and adults the way I would want to be treated.
- I will be honest, will always tell the truth, and will be a friend that others can trust.
- I will demonstrate caring by helping others and treating them kindly.
- I will take responsibility for my own behavior and accept the consequences for my actions.

#### **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

- To be free from cruel teasing and insults.
- Have a safe, calm, clean and orderly environment.
- Make mistakes without being ridiculed by others.
- Seek help from adults who are there to help.
- Be treated with dignity and respect by everyone.

#### **CHILDREN AND PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY**

- Avoid fights or verbal abuse of other children.
- Be fair and accepting of others eager to join any activity.
- Work and play safely.
- Use appropriate, acceptable language.
- Be kind, considerate, helpful, and respectful toward others.

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- Share equipment and materials fairly and use them properly.
- Respect property, especially things that do not belong to me.
- Cooperate with others and with adults who are here to help.
- Speak out when witnessing unfairness or offensive language or behavior of others.
- Be a good sport when interacting with others.
- Be truthful with everyone.

### CONSEQUENCES

- **1st Offense-** Center staff, activity leader, and participant will discuss behavior. Parent will be notified via phone or at pick-up.
- **2nd Offense-** Center staff, activity leader, and participant will discuss behavior. Parents will be required to meet with the Camp Director before the child can return to the program.
- **3rd Offense-** Parent/guardian will be notified and participant will be suspended for a minimum of one day. Refunds will not be given.
- **4th Offense-** Depending on the nature of the incident, participant may be suspended for the remainder of the Summer Program. No refunds will be given.