

Summer Camp FAQ's

What will the daily activities be like this year?

There is no doubt that this camp season will be unlike any we have seen before. While we are no longer traveling, that has not stopped us from continuing to make sure our campers are having fun. Groups will rotate between sports, water play/waterslide (age appropriate, of course), art, entertainers, and theme day activities.

What safety measures will be put in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19?

While we have not yet received specific guidelines from the CDC and Health Department, we have begun planning on how to make our camps as safe as possible. For example, we will be separating campers into groups no larger than 10. Groups will not interact during camp and will have their own designated space. In the event camp comes together, such as for an entertainers, groups will be spaced 6 feet apart.

Additionally, staff will be playing an important role in the daily cleaning and sanitizing of all equipment and spaces occupied by the camp. Staff will also be required to wear masks. **As of 3/5, we were notified that campers 2+ years old WILL have to wear masks, except during water athletic events.**

We will also be conducting general wellness check on every child and staff each day. Before a camper is dropped off each day, we will be doing temperature checks using a no-touch thermometer. Any camper or staff found with a higher than normal temperature will be sent home.

Regular handwashing and sanitizing using an alcohol based sanitizer will also be required and enforced by staff, particularly after each activity where group rotations take place.

These guidelines will be updated as we receive them from the CDC and Health Department.

What will camp be like at Amsterdam Park (Camp Adventure/OTG)?

This will be our first year holding camp at Amsterdam Park, and we are so excited! This is a fully outdoor facility, and we will be renting multiple large tents and restroom trailers to make this into a fully-functional camp facility. While we will be requiring campers to bring their own water bottles, we will have water stations and fountains set up around the camp for hydration.

In the case of rain, camp will still take place under the large tents. We will have plenty of activities planned to make a rainy day just as fun as any other day at camp! In the event of thunder and lightning storms, we will not hold camp. Staff will closely monitor the weather and send out notifications as soon as possible to let parents know that there will be no camp that day.

If I do not feel comfortable sending my child to camp, when is the latest I can request a refund without penalty?

Please refer to the refund policy listed on our website at www.mynewcastle.org/camps

Are there CIT positions available?

Yes. We also have a limited number of CIT positions available. CITs can choose which camp they prefer to work with during the registration process. While we try our best to assign CITs to their desired camp, this is not guaranteed.