

SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT



A Letter to our Summer Camp Families

Dear Parents & Guardians of Skokie Park District Summer Campers,

Because your child(ren) are currently registered for a Skokie Park District Camp this summer, we ask that you please read the following information carefully.

As we look to the future, the Skokie Park District is hopeful that the Illinois Stay-at-Home order will be lifted, and [phased reopening](#) will begin in June. With this optimism in mind, we are planning summer programs to meet the needs of many parents that may need to return to work.

There are still many unknowns as we plan for the summer. We do know that we will have space and capacity limitations that will necessitate the enforcement of social distancing and cleaning protocols. With some changes to the format and structure of our summer programming for kids, we are confident that we can provide a safe and quality experience within government guidelines.

Summer Camp cancelled

Due to the limitations above we have made the difficult decision to cancel all previously advertised summer day camps for Session 1 (June 15-July 10). Camp credits will be applied to all household accounts, with refund requests also being honored.

Summer Camp - First Session Refunds

All previously advertised summer day camps have been cancelled for the first session (June 15-July 10). Refunds for the full amount paid will be applied as a credit to your park district account by May 27. A receipt for each registration will be sent to the email address associated with your account when the credit has been applied. Household credits will remain on your account for you to apply to future registrations and never expire. However, if you prefer a refund payment, please email info@skokieparks.org and our customer service staff will process your refund request. This will be completed after May 27 and may take up to two weeks to process.

NEW! Summer Care

Based on current [Restore Illinois](#) restrictions and predicted timelines, we hope to begin new, but limited, Summer Care programming on Monday, June 15. This new program includes a Session 1, with two, two-week sessions as detailed below.

Plans for a tentative Session 2 (July 13-August 7) and End of Season programs will be communicated no later than July 1.

Summer Care - First Session Options

Your child's summer experience will look different this year. Although we do not anticipate swimming, playing team sports, going on field trips, holding large performances/recitals, or accommodating friendship requests, we are planning a quality experience that will meet IDPH requirements. The following information is based on the Restore Illinois anticipated timeline and may need to be altered based on future guidance from local, state, federal authorities, and/or the delay of Phase 3 and 4 in our region.

- (If in Phase 3) Limited 'pod' sizes of 10 or less (maximum 2:8 ratio).
- (If in Phase 4) Limited 'pod' sizes of 50 or less (group maximum 1:10 ratio).
- No bussing, field trips or pool outings.
- Individualized supplies and group specific equipment.
- Meeting locations with adequate space for activities while keeping groups separated.
- Format that includes a substantial amount of time outdoors playing games, activities, sports and exploring other interests in the most social setting possible.
- Participant and staff expectations to follow all cleaning standards and other practices in accordance with the CDC and IDPH guidelines. (The Camp Policy and Procedure Manual will be updated no later than June 5 on [skokieparks.org/camps/.](http://skokieparks.org/camps/))
- Staff trained in Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines related to COVID-19.
- Communication plan with parents and staff in the event a COVID-19 case occurs in a staff or participant.

Participant Requirements

Participants must be at least 4 years old (by June 1) and must adhere to the Skokie Park District's Appropriate Behavior Guidelines and camp rules. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, participants shall also be required to comply with routine COVID-19 health and safety requirements. For example, children must be able to tolerate

face masks indoors, and comply with verbal directions and social distancing requirements. Specific details regarding these and any other related requirements will be provided by the district prior to the start of camp.

Summer Care - Lottery Registration Information

for June 15 - June 26 programs (Weeks 1 & 2)

- Families with children who meet the age and participation requirements above and are residents of Skokie may register online to enter the lottery for placement in Summer Care, Thursday, May 28 through Tuesday, June 2 (Deadline: June 2) A lottery will be conducted for the limited spaces available on Thursday, June 4. Families will be notified of enrollment status no later than June 5.
 - Online registration is preferred.
 - Phone registrations will be taken June 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only. Call 847-674-1500.
 - In-person registrations are by appointment only. Email: info@skokieparks.org to schedule an appointment.
 - Previously approved financial assistance families interested in registering will be required to pay 50% and will need to contact BLabus@skokieparks.org to register.
- Non-Resident registration will open on Monday, June 8 (if spaces are available).
- Full payment is due at the time of registration.
- No prorations are allowed.
- Registration will be available starting May 28 at www.skokieparks.org.

Summer Care Locations - Weeks 1-2	Age (by 6/1/20)	Days	Dates	Hours	Res/Non-Res Fee	Spaces Available
Devonshire Cultural Center	Age 4-13	M-F	6/15-6/26	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	84
Emily Oaks Nature Center	Age 4-13	M-F	6/15-6/26	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	30
Oakton Community Center	Age 4-13	M-F	6/15-6/26	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	78
Skokie Heritage Museum	Age 6-11	M-F	6/15-6/26	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	8
Skokie Sports Park	Age 6-11	M-F	6/15-6/26	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	8
Weber Leisure Center	Age 4-13	M-F	6/15-6/26	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	46

Registration Details Coming Soon

Summer Care activity numbers and registration details will be emailed next week.

Summer Care - Lottery Registration Information

for June 29 - July 10 (Weeks 3 & 4)

- Spaces available will be determined by Illinois' phase status.
- Families with children who meet the age and participation requirements above and are residents of Skokie may register online to enter the lottery for placement in Summer Care, Thursday, May 28 through Tuesday, June 16.
 - Online registration is preferred.
 - Phone registrations will be taken June 15 and 16, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. only. Call 847-674-1500.
 - In-person registrations are by appointment only. Email: info@skokieparks.org.
 - Previously approved financial assistance families interested in registering will be required to pay 50% and will need to contact BLabus@skokieparks.org.
- A lottery will be conducted for the limited spaces available on Wednesday, June 17. Families will be notified of enrollment status no later than June 19.
- Non-Resident registration will open on Monday, June 22 (if spaces are available).
- Full payment is due at the time of registration.
- No prorations are allowed.
- Registration will be available starting May 28 at www.skokieparks.org.

Summer Care Locations - Weeks 3-4	Age (by 6/1/20)	Days	Dates	Hours	Res/Non-Res Fee	Spaces Available
Devonshire Cultural Center	Age 4-13	M-F	6/29-7/10	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	TBD
Emily Oaks Nature Center	Age 4-13	M-F	6/29-7/10	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	TBD
Oakton Community Center	Age 4-13	M-F	6/29-7/10	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	TBD
Skokie Heritage Museum	Age 6-11	M-F	6/29-7/10	8:30am-4:30pm	\$440/\$550	TBD
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Regular Summer Programs

In addition to summer care, weekly all-age Skokie Park District programs are scheduled to begin Monday, June 15. Weekly summer classes and programs will be updated online by Monday, June 1, with resident registration beginning on June 4 and non-resident registration beginning on June 8.

Stay-at-Home Programs

The district is currently offering a variety of programs and activities that you can participate in from home. [Click here](#) for program information and registration.

Customer Service

For more information about individual camps and refunds [please contact the individual Camp Supervisor](#) or email info@skokieparks.org.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these challenges together.

Stay Safe and Healthy,
Your Skokie Park District Team