



Thanks for your interest in Arts and Recreations' Day Camps!

The City of Walnut Creek's Arts and Recreation Department is offering day camps in accordance with the current Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) guidelines. Our professional staff is committed to providing you and your children with a safe, fun, and enriching experience.

This summer's day camps will include:

- Camp Community Arts
- Walnut Creek Day Camp
- Walnut Creek Sports Camp
- Camp Little Walnut
- Camp Tenderfoot
- Camp Clever Creek
- Specialized Recreation Summer Camp

Please review our Safety Protocols at walnut-creek.org/artsrecsafety and review our frequently asked questions below.

If you have additional questions about day camps, please contact us at:

Camp Community Arts: info@communityarts.org / (925) 943-5846

Recreation Day Camps: recreation@walnut-creek.org / (925) 943-5858

Day Camps: Frequently Asked Questions

When will day camps take place?

Our day camp programs are scheduled to take place July 6 - August 7. Please see individual camps for specific times and dates. Camp programs are subject to change with any updates to the guidelines. Our summer camps will follow physical distancing, sanitation, and hygiene practices specified by local and federal guidelines.

Who is allowed to attend camps during our current shelter-in-place order?

Based on the [Contra Costa Health Services Order released on June 3, 2020](#), summer camps can be provided for all children, not just children of essential and allowed workers. We welcome any child who is ready to return to an onsite camp setting.



My child (or a member of my family) falls into the high-risk category. Is it okay for my child to attend camp?

We encourage families with children of high-risk to consult with your doctor about enrolling in camp this summer.

A parent/guardian is required to fill out emergency forms and supplemental forms before attending camp. Please use these forms to share any other health information or concerns that you may have.

In addition to camps, we offer a variety of virtual classes for youth. [Learn more here.](#)

Will campers be encouraged to wash their hands at camp?

Campers will be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day including:

- Arrival to the facility and after breaks
- Before and after eating food or drinks
- After using the restroom
- After playing outdoors or in sand

All staff and campers should wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Campers will be supervised when washing their hands and will be assisted with handwashing if they can not do it on their own. Posters will be posted describing handwashing steps near sinks.

Alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol will be used if soap and water are not readily available. Campers will be supervised when they use hand sanitizer to prevent ingestion.

Will physical distancing be practiced at camp?

Physical distancing will be practiced whenever possible during camp. Participants will be encouraged, as always, to keep their hands to themselves and they will be strategically spread during activities, keeping physical distancing at 6 feet.

Will materials and equipment be shared during camp?

Items will not be shared amongst the different pods of campers. Campers that are in a pod may share items and equipment. Any shared items will be disinfected before another group can use it.

Who will be required to wear face masks during camp?

Camp staff and instructors will wear a face covering at all times. With the [latest order](#) from Contra Costa Health Services, children age 2 years and older are required to wear masks when participating in our program. Masks will be required when children are taking part in activities indoors. Children can opt to remove their masks when participating in activities outdoors.



We understand that wearing masks may be new for some children and this may be a transition for many. Our instructors and staff will support and monitor children throughout the program and check in with them if there is any concern regarding their masks.

We ask that parents/guardians wear masks and practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up.

How will campers be split into different groups (“pods”)?

Camps have been designed to have no more than 12 youth per group/pod. All pods will have stable groups and will not be allowed to mix with other pods in order to limit exposure throughout camp.

Can my children be placed in the same group for camps?

Please enroll your child in the appropriate group by their age. Unfortunately, we are not able to place siblings of different age ranges in the same groups.

What do you mean when you say campers will remain in stable groups?

Groups (pods) will remain “stable” throughout each camp with no more than 12 campers in each pod and no new campers added partway through a camp. Staff members/supervisors will stay with the same group of children to the best of our ability. Pods will be split into separate program areas or classrooms and will not mix with other pods.

Where will day camps take place?

Day camps will take place across Walnut Creek including Heather Farm Park, Civic Park, Shadelands Art Center, Tice Valley Gym, Clarke Pool Classroom, and various sports fields. See specific program for location details.

Will there be designated spaces that camp groups will use each day?

Camp groups will be assigned an “active space” to use each day. No other camp groups will be allowed to use the same “active space” on the same day unless it has been cleaned and sanitized. Active spaces will be sanitized and cleaned each day before another group will be allowed to use it.

“Active spaces” include classrooms, outdoor picnic areas, dance studios, sports court, and fields.

What are the cleaning procedures during camp?

Please see our cleaning procedures in the [Arts + Rec Safety Protocols](#).



In addition to daily cleanings, frequent sanitizing of high touch surfaces will occur throughout the day, including but not limited to toys, tables, chairs, bathrooms and outdoor surfaces. Camps and program locations will only be accessed by participants of Arts and Recreation programs, staff, and instructors.

Will bathrooms be cleaned regularly during camp?

Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized between groups. Campers will take turns using the assigned restrooms.

Active spaces and restrooms will be open to participants of Arts and Recreation programs, not the general public, during camp.

How will drop-off and pick-up for camps work?

All campers will be sent detailed information about drop-off and pick-up procedures before camps begins. Drop-off and pick-up procedures will vary depending on camp locations.

Please note that parents will not be allowed into camp in order to limit additional exposure to campers.

What should I do if I need to pick-up my child early from camp?

Please let staff know at drop-off if you need to pick-up your child early from camp. We ask that a parent/guardian call us before arriving so we can arrange to have your child brought outside to you with a staff member.

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What should my child bring to camp?

Campers must bring their own snacks (morning & afternoon) and lunch. **Sharing of food is not permitted.**

Campers will be expected to keep all toys and other personal items at home. A bag/backpack with food and water bottles will be permitted. All belongings must be able to fit inside the bag/backpack, including all clothing/hats.

Please be sure to apply sunscreen on your child before you arrive at camp. If your child is able to apply their own sunscreen, they can bring it to camp to reapply throughout the day. If your child has specific sunscreen needs, please contact your camp administrator.



What health practices will you follow during camp?

All staff and campers will be screened before camp each day. Please see the [Arts + Rec Safety Guidelines](#) for daily screening procedures. Sick campers and staff are required to stay home and will not be allowed in the program.

“Sick” is someone exhibiting, but not limited to, the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, fever (temp 100.4°F or higher), sore throat, chills, vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

Staff will be vigilant in monitoring symptoms in youth and themselves and will notify a supervisor if they or a participant is showing symptoms of being sick (symptoms listed above).

What happens if a staff member is sick?

Staff are required to stay home if they exhibit any symptoms of being sick. If a staff member becomes sick or is absent from work, we will have another staff member step in to assist in their place. Whenever possible, mixing of staff in groups will be avoided to the best of our ability.

What happens if my child does not feel well at camp?

If a camper becomes sick at camp, a parent/guardian will be notified and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible. Sick children will be isolated from other campers while they are waiting to be picked-up. A staff member will remain with the camper until picked-up.

Staff will wear appropriate personal protective equipment while assisting campers that are not feeling well including face masks and gloves. One staff member will maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet and will supervise any sick children until a parent/guardian arrives. Campers will be made as comfortable as possible.

What should I do if my child is sick? When can my child return to camp?

Please notify us immediately if your child is sick and/or if your child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

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Sick staff members or campers should not return to camp until they have met CDC’s criteria to [discontinue home isolation](#). Please refer to the CDC’s guide – [What to do When Sick](#).

My child has been exposed to someone that has COVID-19. When we can attend camp?

It is important to remember that anyone who has close contact with someone with COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days after exposure based on the time it takes to develop illness. Please see the [CDC guidelines](#) on when you can be around others after being sick.



Staff members & children with COVID-19 symptoms should not return until they have met one of the criteria below:

- 14 days have passed since they started showing symptoms
- Consulted with their doctor about resuming public activities
- A record that a doctor was consulted may be required to be readmitted into any programs.

Please note that day camps may be cancelled due to an illness in the program or a change in State, County or Federal guidelines.

Please notify us immediately if your child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Will a parent/guardian be notified if a child at camp has COVID-19 or symptoms consistent with COVID-19?

A parent/guardian will be notified if a member of their child's group/pod becomes sick with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or is diagnosed with COVID-19. Please note that day camps may be cancelled due to an illness in the program or a change in State, County or Federal guidelines.