What does my child need for camp each day?

Please make sure your child brings their back pack, a lunch, a refillable water bottle, sunscreen and bug spray, a morning and afternoon snack, and close toed shoes and socks. Please send your child in a face mask every day. We will have extras, but they may be more comfortable in ones they are used to.

Will my child need to wear a face mask all day?

According to current guidelines, when we are outside and able to be socially distant campers will not have to wear a face mask. If they are inside, they must wear a face mask.

Will assistance be provided to campers to ensure face masks are worn properly? Yes, staff will wash/sanitize their hands before and after assisting your child.

What is the GPD policy for those who refuse to wear masks? If your child refuses to wear a mask they will be unable to participate in our program. Please understand that this is certainly a time where all children will be learning this “new norm” and it will take them some time to adjust.

My child has a medical condition and can not wear a mask as it will make their medical condition worse? Please contact Kelly Wales at 630-262-2201 or kwales@genevaparks.com

My child is fair skinned and needs frequent sunscreen reapplication. Will a staff help them with that?

Camps take time throughout the day to reapply sunscreen. In the morning, after lunch, and before water activities. If you are concerned that is not enough, please speak with your camp coordinator. A staff member will help our child apply their sunscreen as long as you checked the box on their registration form to allow them to do so. Please be sure to provide spray on sunscreen so our staff can assist your child.

If my child is not going to be at camp, do I need to report their absence?

Please email kwales@genevaparks.com if your child will not be in camp. Please indicate your child’s name, camp and a general reason (ex: spending time with family or not feeling well) – this summer we would like to monitor if a child is sick or not.

When it’s too hot outside, how do you provide relief for campers that are stationed out of unairconditioned facilities?

Each facility is outfitted with large fans to keep the air circulating. In the event of excessive heat,
we may transport the camps to an air conditioned park district facility to provide some relief. Camp staff are trained to spot the signs of heat exhaustion, and will also promote hydration through frequent water breaks, and water bottle refills, in addition to utilizing the shaded areas around our facilities as much as possible.

Please note that Harrison Street School and Western Avenue School gymnasiums do not have air conditioning units.

Our goal for this summer is to be outside as much as possible to minimize the amount of time children have to wear face masks.

- **Can my child keep their cell phone in their back pack in case they need to contact me?**
  
  Our summer camps have a no electronics policy, if your child has a cell phone in their backpack for after camp it is expected to stay powered off and put away while at camp. If they need to get ahold of you for any reason, they need to speak to a counselor and a staff member from the camp will contact you via the camp phone.

- **NEW! Drop off and Pick up Procedure:**
  
  To minimize the spread, parents please remain in your vehicle during drop off and pick up. A staff member will greet your camper and assist them in getting out/in the vehicle. Please have a sign in your window with your camper’s name. Please have your ID ready for pick up. **Drop off** – staff will meet your child at the car, open the door, take their temperature with a no-touch infrared thermometer, if your child’s temperature is below 100.4, they will then get out of the car, make sure their face mask is securely on, utilize hand sanitizer and proceed to their group. **What if we walk to camp?** We will ask that you practice social distancing as you approach our camp entrance. A staff member will acknowledge you when it is safe to proceed for your child to be checked into camp.

- **What if I have to pick my child up early?**
  
  As long as your child’s camp is onsite, you may pick them up at any time throughout the day. For safety reasons, children are not allowed to be picked up or dropped off at offsite locations.

- **What if I need to have someone who is not on my authorized pick up list pick up my child?**
  
  You will need to fill out a change of information form. That form is available on the website or in a hard copy at your child’s camp site.

- **Can my older child pick up and sign out my younger child?**
  
  Anyone who is picking up a child has to have a valid photo ID, for that reason, no one under the age 14 may pick up a camper. Anyone who does not have a driver’s license will need a photo school ID.

- **I have children in two different camps across town, will I be charged if I am late picking one of them up?**
  
  We understand it can be difficult getting children from multiple camps. If you are picking up after the normal camp day at 3:30 there will be a grace period to allow you to get from one camp to another. If your children are enrolled in after care, the pick up time is by 6p.m. Any later pick up will be charged in accordance with the late policy outlined in the parent manual.
What is the protocol in the event a staff, camper or family member is diagnosed with COVID-19?
We will immediately contact the Kane County Department of Public Health and follow their protocols. We would appropriately contact all families in the camp. The camp site that the individual is associated with could potentially be closed for 3-7 days.

Will there be discussions with campers about COVID-19?
Our staff will use age appropriate language to speak with children if they ask questions. Our staff have gone thru training on how to appropriately address this topic with children.

How often will campers participate in handwashing?
Handwashing / hand sanitizing will take place before and after each activity; as well as during an activity if needed.

What are the guidelines for social distancing?
Participants need to be 6-feet apart from one another and groups need to be 30-feet apart from one another.
Please know that we are aware this will be a learning curve for many children. Our staff are prepared to assist them and we will provide visuals to help them learn what the distances look like.

If a staff member calls in sick, who will cover their shift?
We have designated subs assigned to each camp to assist in minimizing the spread. Staff will not be at multiple locations during the week.

How will lunch bags be handled?
Lunch bags will need to stay in the campers’ backpack. We do not have refrigerators. We recommend that parents use the small reusable ice packs if their child’s lunch need to be kept cold.

If you have any further questions please contact Kelly Wales at kwales@genevaparks.com