

CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA CHILDREN'S RECREATION PROGRAMS

PROGRAM DATES: May 30 through August 4, 2023

PROGRAM CLOSED: Monday, May 29, 2023 and Tuesday, July 4, 2023

PROGRAM HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm

CONTACT

INFORMATION:

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COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS:

PROMOTE EVERYDAY PREVENTIVE ACTIONS (CDC Guidelines)

- ❖ We will enforce a “no touch” policy. As difficult as it may be, campers will be required to keep their hands to themselves.
- ❖ Campers are encouraged to stay at home if sick or do not feel well.
- ❖ Parents will be notified and required to pick up immediately any camper displaying signs of illness or not feeling well. Sick children will be separated from the group until a parent can pick up child.
- ❖ Campers will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and washing hands immediately afterwards.
- ❖ Hand sanitizers will be available at each facility.
- ❖ Hand cleaning supplies will be readily available. Washing hands will be encouraged after using the restroom and before/after eating.
- ❖ Frequently touched surfaces, equipment and objects will receive routine disinfection and cleaning.
- ❖ Children are prohibited from bringing any toys or personal items to camp

DROP OFF/PICK UP: We will have curbside drop off and pick up, unless it is determined that there is legitimate need for the parent to enter the facility which will be determined by the Head Coach, Assistant Recreation Director, or Recreation Director.

Parents are required to drop off or pick up only during the specified times listed below, unless for pre-arranged appointments, etc...

Drop Off Hours: 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Pick Up Hours: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM, call facility number or ring doorbell if arrive earlier than 3:30pm

AGE GROUPS:

Small Fry, 5-6 years old

Big Fry, 7-9 years old

Super Fry, 10-12 years old

EXTENDED CARE

Extended care will be provided from 7am to 7:30am and 5pm to 5:30pm for an additional fee of \$30 for either before or after care per family or \$50 for both before and after care per family.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Treasure Island Resident \$600/child for 10-week camp or \$100/week
Non Resident \$800/child for 10-week camp or \$130/week

STAFF

All staff members have received Level 2 Background Screening by the Department of Children and Families, background check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and have had in-service training to insure the best possible supervision of participants.

VULNERABLE PERSONS ACT

Effective October 1, 2012, there is a statutory requirement pursuant to Florida Statute 39.201, et al, for all individuals to report to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) instances of child abuse, abandonment, neglect, and/or death as a result of abuse, abandonment or neglect. Under FS 39.201(1)(a), (b) and (c) *any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver or that a child is in need of supervision..., or that a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent, legal custodian or responsible adult relative immediately know and available to provide supervision and care SHALL report such knowledge or suspicion to DCF. Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is the victim of childhood sexual abuse or the victim of a known or suspected juvenile sexual offender, as defined in this chapter, SHALL report such knowledge or suspicion to DCF.*

Individual employees who fail to report to DCF Central Abuse Hotline at 1-800-962-2873 face personal criminal liability for failure to report instances of suspected and/or known abuse, neglect or abandonment. A person who is required to report known or suspected child abuse, abandonment or neglect and who knowingly and willfully fails to do so, or who knowingly and willfully prevents another person from doing so commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provide in s. 775.082, s 775.083, or s. 775.084

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

Staff will sign in and sign out campers at pick up and drop off

FIELD TRIPS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Additional fees will be charged for field trips and special activities. Permission slips must be filled out completely, signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the child's coach prior to each field trip or activity. If you do not want your child to participate in a particular field trip or activity, please state so on the permission slip. The child will be placed in another group for the duration of the field trip or activity. **NO VERBAL PERMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR FIELD TRIPS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION ON THE BUS.**

Weekly field trips and permission slips will be emailed weekly. We will have some paper copies on hand at the community center. The weekly schedules will also be placed on the city's website www.mytreasureisland.com Recreation Page.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Parents will be required to pay by CHECK, DEBIT or CREDIT for all camp fees or field trips preferably on the City's website. **The City will not accept cash for payment of field trips other than Kona Ice, which is paid directly to the vendor.**

CLOTHING

Close toed shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes, with good traction, are necessary for such ground surfaces as the facility floors, sidewalks, grass, street, etc...

BAKERY GOODS

Only store-bought bakery goods, etc... may be brought in to camp. Bakery goods, etc... prepared at home will not be permitted.

BICYCLES

Children are permitted to ride bicycles to and from the program. Bicycles must be **locked up** in the bicycle racks provided at the park. NO ONE is permitted to ride his/her bicycle during the program, unless specified for an activity.

PERSONAL ITEMS

What to bring to camp

Lunch and snack, water bottles, sunscreen, bathing suit and towel on pool days. Please wear closed toed shoes. Children may bring a bag or backpack with first and last name of child to camp to place personal items.

Unauthorized and disruptive items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. The Recreation Department will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

CELL PHONES are to be used for emergency purposes or to contact parents while at camp, only and are required to be left in the child's backpack. Children will not be permitted to use their cell phones to talk, text or use the camera or internet during camp, unless permitted by the child's coach. Cell phone and other items which become disruptive will be confiscated and returned to the child at the end of the camp day. The City is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

Alcohol, drugs, tobacco and/or weapons are strictly forbidden at camp. If these items are found at camp, the parent of the child and the Treasure Island Police Department will be notified immediately to address the situation.

VENDING MACHINES

Soft drink and snack machines **are not** available at the City facilities. Snacks will be sold at lunch time only. Money sent for snacks or field trips should be carried on the child and not put in purses, lunch boxes, bags, etc... The Recreation Department staff is not responsible for any lost or stolen money.

Children are encouraged to bring their own snacks and beverages.

LUNCH

CHILDREN WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE FOR LUNCH and MUST BRING THEIR LUNCHES. Lunches shall have the child's first and last names on them. PLEASE do not allow children to bring lunch items that are perishable in the heat. Lunches will not be refrigerated.

Also, please do not send items that need to be warmed or cooked as the City only has one microwave and cannot accommodate the number of children needing to prepare their lunch meal.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Parents/guardians are required to submit **current** and **correct** telephone numbers of their workplace, home and alternate relative/friend to be reached in case of an emergency.

Non-custodial guardians ie: grandparents, aunts and uncles must have POWER OF ATTORNEY in order to sign any program document (registration form, permission slips, and medical release form). A copy of the document is required at the time of registration.

Parents/guardians are requested to list all persons permitted to remove child from the program. Parents are to be included on the list. PLEASE NOTE that a recorded copy of a court order is required in order to **prohibit/prevent** any parent from removing a child from the program. Should there be such a court order, the staff will take every precaution to insure that the child does not leave with the parent by notifying the local law enforcement agency of the prohibited parent's desire to remove the child from the program. PLEASE be informed that the staff cannot legally stop a parent from removing a child from the program but can try to peacefully detain such parent until the local law enforcement officer arrives.

INJURIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

It is the policy of the Recreation Department to call **911** anytime a child has sustained a head injury - whether minor or major - or a questionable injury. The attending paramedics will require a parent or guardian to sign off on the child's injury. This policy is to protect the health of your child, as some injuries -especially head injuries - can go undetected for hours.

The Recreation Department staff will contact a parent or guardian immediately should staff suspect that the child may require immediate medical attention which could be contagious or threatening to others in the program.

MEDICATION

The Recreation Department will not dispense medicine to your child. The staff members can remind your child to take his/her medicine at the scheduled or recommended time.

EPI-PEN POLICY

Staff will carry the Epi-Pen during camp hours, only. In the event that the child appears to have an allergic reaction, staff will guide the child through the procedure of administering the Epi-Pen while at the same time calling 911. Staff will assist the child through the guidance of the 911 medical personnel until the paramedics arrive.

To facilitate the staff's guidance to the child, the parent must provide documentation from the child's doctor defining the child's condition and necessary requirements. The child's doctor shall provide step-by-step instructions for administering the Epi-Pen so that staff can assist the child through the dispensing of the medication.

Staff will not physically administer the Epi-Pen to a child but will provide the necessary assistance with helping the child through the procedure.

Any parent or guardian of a child requesting that staff carry an Epi-Pen for their child shall first be provided with a copy of this policy, and sign consent to this policy.

HEAD LICE

A strain of "super lice" that is resistant to over-the-counter treatments has been reported in 25 states. Here's what you need to know about the outbreak and how you can protect your children:

What are super lice?

Super lice, like regular lice, are parasitic insects that can live in the scalp, eyebrows and eyelashes of humans and feed on blood. Due to a genetic mutation, super lice are resistant to pyrethroids, the family of insecticides contained in common over-the-counter treatments used to kill lice.

Where are super lice a problem? A [national study](#) found the treatment-resistant lice in 25 states in the U.S. **including Florida**

How do super lice spread? Much like regular lice, super lice are spread by

direct contact with the hair of an infected person, the [CDC reports](#). Head lice move by crawling and cannot hop or fly. Lice can also spread by sharing clothing or hair accessories recently worn or used by a person with lice, although this is less common. Dogs, cats and other pets cannot spread head lice.

How do you know if your child has super lice? The symptoms of head lice include the feeling of something moving in the hair, an itchy scalp, irritability, and difficulty sleeping. The only difference between regular lice and super lice infestation is the response to treatment. If your child still has lice after a complete over-the-counter treatment, they may be infested with a resistant strain.

How are lice and super lice treated? The [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) recommends parents and caregivers use over-the-counter treatments unless resistance has been confirmed in other cases in the community. Instructions on the package should be followed exactly and all clothing, linens and toys used by the infected person should be washed in hot water or dry cleaned. If the lice are treatment-resistant, a pediatrician can prescribe another form of treatment that has been proven effective against super lice.

How are lice and super lice prevented? Because head lice spread so easily in schools, playgrounds and daycares they are difficult to prevent. The AAP recommends teaching children not to share hats, combs or other items that come in contact with hair. **Children should also be checked for lice if there is an outbreak in their school or camp** – even if they aren't complaining of itching. Head lice is often a problem in locations where groups of children play together.

Summer camps are favorite places for head lice, which often arrive on the heads of the incoming campers. At summer camp, kids play together and ride the buses in close contact, as well as frequently sharing hair accessories, etc...

Therefore, it is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to check their child(ren)'s head for lice or nits before camp starts and periodically throughout the Summer. It is also ESSENTIAL that parents notify the Recreation Office if it is discovered that your child has head lice. Due to the highly contagious nature of head lice, the City must require and enforce the rule that children with head lice or nits not be allowed to attend camp until completely "nit-free". Parents/guardians will be notified immediately and will be required to pick up child(ren) with head lice or nits from camp.

We follow the policy of Pinellas County Schools which has a No-Nit Policy that calls for the exclusion of a student/camper from school/camp until the removal of all lice, eggs, and nits has been accomplished. A parent must accompany the child when they return to school/camp after being treated. Students/campers must be nit-free to return to class/camp. Recreation staff will check children's heads upon return to camp to ensure the child is "nit-free". Children suspected to still have nits or lice will not be able to return to camp. **Parents may bring in a doctor's note clearing the child for camp in lieu of staff's subjective opinion.**

It is not the responsibility of the Recreation Department staff to check children's heads for lice.

GUESTS

Participants will not be permitted to bring guests to the program. NO exceptions will be allowed.

SUMMER T-SHIRTS

Summer camp shirts will be distributed for the 2023 Summer Camp

LOST & FOUND

The Recreation Department will not be responsible for participant's money, clothing, lunchboxes, tape recorders/radios, bicycles, or any additional belongings. PLEASE put your child's FIRST and LAST NAME on all personal items. Lost and found boxes will be located in the Community Center and city hall lobbies. Please see the Head Coaches at pick up or drop off for lost items.

PHOTO POLICY

Photographs taken by the Recreation Department at the city camps are often used in presentations, fliers, websites, and local newspapers. If you do not want to have your child's photograph in any marketing material, please contact the Recreation Department immediately.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

The Recreation Department's philosophy is that children can behave appropriately. The staff will not and cannot tolerate a child from stopping staff or other program participants from having an enjoyable experience at camp. The staff realizes that

SUMMER is a time for FUN! That is why it is so IMPORTANT that children behave appropriately while at camp. The staff cannot continually correct children's misbehavior without the actions effecting the flow and progress of the main goal of the program which is to provide SAFE FUN!!!

The Recreation Department’s Discipline Policy is as follows:

PROGRAM RULES

1. Children must listen when spoken to.
2. Children are expected to keep their hands and feet to themselves.
3. Children are to be respectful to staff and other program participants.
4. Children are required to obey all program rules as directed by staff.
5. Children will be respectful to City property and all facilities attended.
6. Children must use appropriate language while at camp or on fieldtrips.

IF A CHILD CHOOSES TO BREAK A RULE

1st consequence	Verbal Warning
2nd consequence	Time-Out for 5 minutes
3rd consequence	Time-Out for one minute for each of the years of the child's age. Disciplinary log completed on child's behavior. Parent notified of problem by child’s coach.
4th consequence	Miss one field trip. Disciplinary log completed on child's behavior. Parent notified of problem and action taken by child’s coach. Money refunded for trip.
5th consequence	One day suspension from program. Parent notified of problem and action by Recreation Office staff. <u>NO</u> refund of program money.

A disciplinary log will be sent home if your child reaches a 3rd, 4th or 5th consequence. Parents are to sign disciplinary logs and return to staff.

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE AND SEVERE DISRUPTIONS will immediately go to the 4th or 5th consequence or expulsion. This occurs if a child severely disrupts, intentionally bullies another child to the extent of harm, willfully harms property or person, refuses to obey staff or engages in actions that stops the coach or other children from having fun. Constant misbehavior will result in expulsion from program, without refund of program money.

The Disciplinary Policy form must be signed and returned to the Recreation Office prior to any child being accepted into the program.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is provided by the Treasure Island Recreation Department. City buses will be sanitized after each use and social distancing will be required on the buses.