

# ARBORETUM SUMMER NATURE CAMP- COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL

This plan outlines the protocol that will be in place during Arboretum Summer Nature Camp to and maintain a healthy and safe environment for each participant. These guidelines align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Interim Guidance for Child Care Program Reopening, the American Camp Association (ACA), and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. These guidelines are subject to change based on local, state, and federal directions to operate. The following restrictions, maintenance protocols, and monitoring guidelines will be in effect throughout the summer camp program to ensure the health and safety of all participants:

## Restrictions

- Each week of camp will consist of a stable group of 11 or fewer campers.
- The same staff will be with the stable group of campers all week.
- Classrooms will be re-engineered to put six feet between children's activity stations, tables, and chairs.
- Outdoor activities will be designed to keep six feet between children.
- Each camper will have a personally designated seat and table to use each day.
- Siblings within the same household will be seated next to each other.
- Curriculum will be designed to support individualized activity and maintain social distancing.
- There will be no shared supplies- Each camper will have their own individual kit of supplies.
- Each child's belongings will be separated and in individually labeled storage containers and cubbies; Guardians will take campers' personal belongings home each day to clean and disinfect them.
- Campers will bring their own lunches and snacks; Sharing of food between campers will be prohibited.
- Staff will wear gloves in the event there is a need to touch a camper's supplies or belongings.
- Traditional games and toys such as balls and board games will not be available due to their collaborative nature.
- Difficult to clean supplies will not be used.
- Staff, campers, and guardians will be required to wear masks.
- During camper drop-off/check-in: Distance markings on the ground will keep families 6 feet apart; Parents/Guardians will not check campers in using a pen but rather the staff will sign the camper in once they have confirmed the campers arrival with the guardian.
- Separate, clearly marked routes will be designated for entry into and exit out of camp.
- Guardians will be instructed to exit the premises quickly after drop-off and pickup.
- Signage will advise participants that they should: avoid entering the facility if they have a cough or fever; wear facial coverings; maintain a minimum of six feet distance from one another; and not engage in any unnecessary physical contact.
- Campers will use a private bathroom exclusively designated for campers only.
- Campers will use a private classroom exclusively designated for campers only.
- Activities will be conducted that model and reinforce good hygiene and social distancing practices; Classroom materials will be used to help children visualize the required six foot distance between people.
- Campers/camper guardians and staff must consent to being and will be screened upon arrival daily for symptoms and history of exposure, including the use of touchless thermometers; Staff conducting camper health screenings will wear face shields, gloves, and masks; Parents/Guardians and campers will be asked about symptoms of respiratory illness and the importance of health screenings will be shared with parents/guardians to keep the camp setting safe; Participants will receive an informal health screening and a temperature check, which is required to participate. Participants must not have a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and will be asked to

confirm that they do not have any of the symptoms that the CDC has indicated are symptoms of COVID-19.

- A COVID-19 release and liability waiver form that acknowledges the community transmission health risks by participating in the program will be required from all participants along with a code of conduct to be signed by the participants and/or participants' parents/guardians, if applicable.

### **Maintenance Protocols**

- Adequate supplies for good hygiene, including easy to clean and functional handwashing stations, soap, paper towels, and alcohol-based hand sanitizer, will be available.
- Each person entering the site or any room in the site will be required to sanitize their hands on entry.
- High-touch surfaces will be avoided whenever possible, and when not possible, sanitized frequently.
- Frequent handwashing routines will be incorporated into daily camp schedules; Campers will be taught how to thoroughly wash hands with soap for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Drinking fountains will be covered; Individual camper water bottles will be required.
- Doors will be propped open wherever possible to avoid communal use of door handles.
- Staff will emphasize to parents/guardians and campers what they can do to stay healthy, including handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and social distancing; Staff will ensure parents/guardians have reviewed this information with their children prior to the first day of camp, and will reinforce the message each day.
- Parents/Guardians will be instructed to screen children and themselves before leaving home each day; Anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be required to remain at home in isolation for a minimum of 7 days plus at least 3 days after the resolution of fever (without fever reducing medication) and improvement in other symptoms.
- If a staff member or camper shows signs of symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they may not remain at the site; The child will be isolated out of the classroom while waiting for a parent/guardian to arrive for pickup.
- Any participant with a fever of 100 degrees or higher will not be allowed to enter the facility.
- Staff, children, parents/guardians, and visitors will be reminded regularly that they should stay home if they are ill, even with mild symptoms.
- Staff and guardians will be provided with information on the proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings.
- Safe and correct application of disinfectants will be ensured, and products will be kept away from children.
- It will be ensured that ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors, using fans, and other methods.
- At least one qualified staff person (the Youth Education Manager) will be designated who can act as the primary contact for campers, parents/guardians, and staff; The designee will be prepared to effectively address any questions and concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- All staff will be trained in the above safety actions.

### **Monitoring Protocols**

- Staff will be on site to monitor compliance of parents/guardians, campers, and employees.
- Guardians will be asked to reinforce all safety messaging at home daily.
- A member of the executive staff team will conduct regular site visits to monitor compliance and assess the effectiveness of these rules and regulations; Recommendations will be made as necessary to modify this plan.