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YMCA Camp Ingersoll in 2021

Below is a list changes that we believe will affect the 2021 camp season. We understand that policies and procedures regarding summer camp operations and Covid-19 are fluid and may change. This is not a final, or extensive, list of changes, but it does give our Camp Families some insight into the more significant adjustments and can give your family a head start on planning for the summer.

1. **Limited Capacity:** We are currently planning to operate with similar restrictions to last year, meaning we are limiting the amount of groups we have at camp. We are increasing our overall numbers by accepting closer to normal numbers in specialty camps (15-20 for two counselors) and 12 campers in most of our traditional camps. Unfortunately, because we plan to limit capacity to emphasize safety, some costs of camp will go up. We plan to take around 500 campers per session. Last year averaged 375 campers and a traditional summer is 650 campers.
2. **Electronic Brochure:** Similar to past years, we will continue to send out electronic brochures to our families. However, we will not be issuing printed brochures prior to this summer. If families cannot access the electronic brochure, we will have copies available for pick up or to mail out. As always, we will have paper registration packets as well.
3. **Bussing:** We do anticipate offering limited bus transportation for those who cannot otherwise get to camp this summer. Many details are still TBD. Our goal is to keep campers as safe as possible while also being able to meet the needs of our camp families who cannot otherwise attend camp. We encourage those families who can drop off and pick up at camp to continue to do so this summer. Below is a list of things that we know:
 - We will be offering 5 buses on different routes throughout the local communities
 - Each bus will have a maximum capacity of 25 families per bus
 - Families will be required to sign up for both AM+PM bussing per session
 - There will be a fee of \$20 per camper, per bus, per session
 - *This fee will be waived for families enrolled in the Open Doors Financial Assistance program*
4. Bus stops will be located at: Allen Brook Park, Middlefield Community Center, Haddam Elementary School, Wesley School, Rt 16/149, Glastonbury High, St. Dunstan Church, South Congregational Church, Elmer Thienes Elementary School, Congregational Church (East Hampton), Naubuc School, Middlesex YMCA, West Hill School, Edna C Stevens School, Pierson Park, Moody School, East and West lake.
5. **AM/PM Care:** We will try to offer AM and PM Care at YMCA Camp Ingersoll starting at 7am and ending at 6pm. Parents must register their camper/s for both AM/PM Care. Similar to last summer, all campers in each age group will be grouped together for AM/PM Care. Therefore, campers will spend the AM/PM Care time with the same campers they are with throughout the day. For this reason, we may still have to limit AM/PM Care to Traditional Camp groups. We understand these limitations may impact many families, we are working hard to problem solve, and will keep families updated.
6. **Tiered Pricing:** We continue our mission of providing a camp experience to all families regardless of income, but we have made some changes to our Tiered Pricing structure. To avoid confusion with the old system, letters will identify tiers.





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- **Tier A** is still the true cost to run camp.
 - **Tier B** is the old Tier 3 and provides a more significantly subsidized rate.
 - **Tier C Open Doors** financial assistance for qualifying families with a total household income of \$75,000 or less. An application must be filled out for our **Tier C Open Doors** assistance and can be found at Campingersoll.org.
 - **Tier Mid-Fund** is provided by a local funder who believes in the transformative value of camp. The **Mid Fund** is for middle-income families who have a total household income of over \$75,000, but need more support than what **Tier B** provides. Families that express the need for the **Mid-Fund** generally receive a 15-20% discount while funding lasts. Please talk to our Camp Registrar, Helen Peaslee, to learn more about the **Mid Fund**. As always, we try to make camp as accessible as possible for all families while also sustaining camp for the future.
7. **Refunds:** Last summer, we dramatically adjusted our refund policy because of the uncertainty of the times. This summer's policy will reflect a more stable environment while also allowing families more flexibility closer to the start of the summer. Full refunds, including deposits, will be given for any cancellations prior to **May 1st**. Cancellations after May 1st, but more than 30 days prior to the start of the session will receive full refunds minus the deposit. Cancellations between 15-30 days from the start of the session will receive a 50% refund minus the deposit. Cancellations within 15 days from the start of the session will not receive refunds.
8. **Registration:** We encourage everyone to register online at campingersoll.org if possible. If internet access is not available, we can provide families with paper registration packets or families may print them off our website. Because of our bussing charges and modified bus stops, the process for choosing arrival and departure options will change during registration. Instead of choosing a bus stop / pick up option on your family screen, you will now register for an option when you select your camp options. Options will include drop off/pick up, AM/PM Care at Camp, or one of the bus stops. You will not be able to move forward in the registration process until you have selected an option. Directions are located at the top of every page.
9. **Chill For Change:** Save the date to join us for our 7th annual Chill For Change on **Saturday, February 20th**. Grab some friends or family members, or join us as an individual to **Chill** (jump into Jobs Pond) in order to raise money to create life-long positive **Change** by raising funds to send kids to camp! The format of the event may be adjusted (designated jump times, etc. . .), but the spirit remains untouched! We're going to have a great time raising money to send kids to camp. Registration will be on our website soon!

