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**YMCA CAMP OAKASHA  
RE-OPENING ROADMAP**

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## General Re-Opening Requirements

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, summer camp will look different this year. It is our hope to provide the best possible experience for our campers while maintaining the health & safety of both staff and participants. Our procedures are ever changing and will be reviewed and the end of each session for the following session.

YMCA Camp Oakasha will follow the guidelines set forth by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) regarding health screenings, face coverings & PPE, social distancing, and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting.

All camper groups must be limited to no more than 10 children within a 3-year age range.

If a staff member feels ill or registers a temperature over 100 degrees, they should not report to work. Any child that feels ill or registers a temperature over 100 upon arriving to camp will be quarantined in the Camp Director's office until they can be picked up. If a child or immediate family member (residing in the same home) has a confirmed case of COVID-19, the family is responsible for informing camp so necessary precautions can be taken. If the child receives a positive test result, they may not return to camp until they receive a negative test result. If their family member tests positive, the child may return to camp 14 days after isolation practices have been observed. All families are required to fill out and return an informed consent form as well as a YMCA waiver prior to their child attending camp.

CITS will not run this summer. All campers that have signed up for these groups have be re-assigned to their appropriate age group.

## Confirmed COVID-19 Cases at Camp

In the event a staff member or camper is diagnosed with a confirmed case of COVID-19, the Camp Director will report this to the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the OEC, and the Local Health Department for both YMCA Camp Oakasha and town of residence for those diagnosed. The staff or camper's entire group (including other staff) will not be allowed to return to camp for 14 after the last day of contact with the affected child or staff member following local health recommendations. YMCA staff will conduct the appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Depending on the size of the program and the number of people affected, closure of a particular area or quarantine of an entire age group or the entire program may be considered.

## Camp Staff

Staff training curriculum will be modified to include an additional 5 hours (1 hour per day) of COVID-19 related cleaning, sanitizing, and reporting procedures. Camp Administration staff will be required to wash hands, sanitize office surfaces, wear appropriate face coverings, and maintain social distancing while working in the Main Office. The door to the Nurse's Office from the Main Office will always remain closed except in case of an emergency. Campers, staff and families will be able to enter the Nurse's Office from the exterior of the building.

Due to guidelines set by the Office of Early Childhood, our camp staff will be working in 3 shifts this summer.

- Shift A will be the traditional camp day. Our staff will report at 8:00AM to prepare for their groups arrival. They will remain until the end of the regular dismissal period.
- Shift B will report to camp at 6:30AM. This staff team will work morning care, and half of the camp day. They will be replaced by a staff member from Shift C.
- Shift C will report to camp at 12:30PM. This staff member will finish out the rest of the camp day and work until the end of after care.

Camp Staff will have daily temperature checks verified by administration.

## **Before & After Care**

Before & After Care will be held in the Main Field with groups of no more than 10 children spaced 15 feet apart. If additional space is needed to maintain distance, the Boys Cabin, the Girls Cabin and tents will be available as needed.

## **Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures**

Drop off will be done in 3 waves.

- Before Care – 7:00AM – 8:15AM
- Traditional Camp Only – 8:20AM – 8:50AM
- After Care – 9:00AM – 9:20AM

Camp Staff will be waiting for their groups in designated areas spaced out at a radius of 30 feet.

Camp administration staff have developed a daily health check form and all families will be provided with a packet of forms prior to arriving at camp. Parents will pull up and stop at the entrance of our drop off lane. Staff member will perform a temperature check and collect daily health check form. Parents will have pre-filled the form with the camper's form stating that they are feeling well, and their temperature taken at home. Staff will verify camper's temperature upon arrival, and document it on the form. Once the camper has been checked in, parents will pull up into the designated drop off area for their child. A staff member will notify their group via walkie-talkie and child will walk over (all groups will be within line of sight from the check in location). All campers' temperature and well being verification forms are complete; they will be filed in the camper's file. If a camper does not have a health check form, they will not be allowed to enter camp until one is completed.

At pick up, families will stop at the end of the pickup lane; provide a photo ID for sign out purposes, and pull up to the same location to pick up their child. Campers will be in line of sight, and will walk to the car once they are signed out.

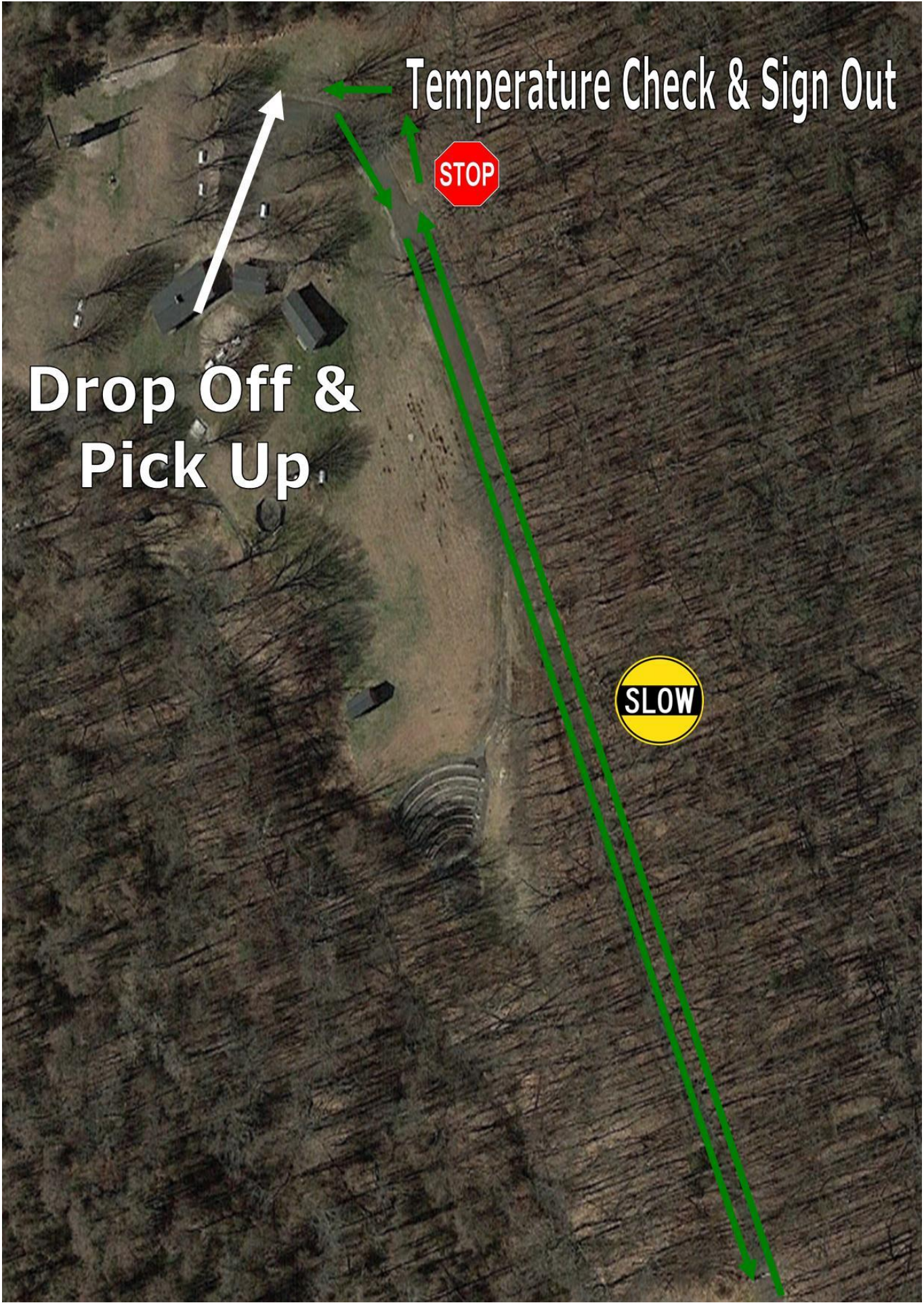
**\*\*Please see the map on the following page for additional details on drop off/pick up locations\*\***



Temperature Check & Sign Out



Drop Off & Pick Up



## **Bussing**

We will NOT be offering bussing to or from YMCA Camp Oakasha this summer based on the guidelines set by the State and bus company regarding campers intermingling and campers being grouped together as well as capacity per bus. Families currently registered with bussing will be able to contact the Camp Office and register for Before and After Care. Please contact the camp office at 203-264-2817 or [campoakasha@waterburymca.org](mailto:campoakasha@waterburymca.org) or Tammie Lee, Camp Registrar at 203-754-7622 ext 136 or [tlee@waterburymca.org](mailto:tlee@waterburymca.org).

## **Activity Areas**

Camp Staff will maintain distance from other groups. Only one group will be assigned to an activity area at a time.

## **Swimming**

We are still awaiting guidance from the local health department on swimming in the pool at the Southbury Training School. As we obtain guidance from officials, we will inform families about our plan for swimming.

## **Tower**

Tower director will clean all hardware in between group usage. Ropes will be rotated every other period, ropes not being used will be laid out in the sun during the off period per recommendations from third party inspection. Counselors will be responsible putting on, assisting with, and removing harnesses and helmets. Helmets will be wiped down between uses. Two sinks will be installed in the Main Office and all campers will wash their hands prior to and after climbing.

## **Low Ropes**

All counselors will be trained in low ropes facilitation. Groups will wash hands prior to and after low ropes at the sinks behind the main office. Staff will wipe down all elements used at the period end.

## **Field Games**

Sports equipment in the storage shed will be designated for each group, and each group should use only their equipment. Campers will wash hands in the sinks in the Girls Cabin prior to and after activity. Counselors will wipe down all equipment after use and return to designated area in shed.

## **Basketball**

Campers will wash hands prior to and after activity. Counselors will wipe down all basketball and rims at the end of the period.

## **Nature**

Campers will wash hands prior to and after activity at the sinks near the Main Office. Counselors will wipe down all equipment at the end of the period.



## Arts & Crafts

Campers will wash hands prior to and after activity at the sinks near the Main Office. Arts & Crafts Director will wipe down all tables, chairs, and equipment used during activity period.

## Archery

Campers will wash hands prior to and after activity at the sinks in the Girls Cabin. Archery director will wipe down all equipment prior to and after group usage.

## Unit Periods & Assemblies

Groups during unit periods and assemblies will not exceed more than 50 people including staff, and groups will abide by social distancing policies. LOGS will not be held for entire camp but may be included in Unit activities.

## Severe Weather Days

Camp will not be held on days with forecasted/known heavy rain or severe weather. If there is a forecasted severe weather day, camp will be cancelled due to social distancing guidelines in indoor or covered space per the Office of Early Childhood. Weather forecasts and patterns will be monitored and a joint decision by both the Outdoor Center Director and Chief Operations Officer before 7:00PM if the next camp day will be cancelled. When storms are forecasted for later in the day, they will be monitored and a decision to cancel the remainder of the camp day will be made and families will be notified to pick up their children. Families will be notified via email, phone call, and text message in regards to Severe Weather Days. Families will receive a YMCA credit for each full day that is cancelled. On light rain days, camp will run as planned, please send your camper in appropriate clothing for the weather.

## Cleaning Protocols

Camp has hired additional staff who will be devoted entirely to cleaning and sanitizing common areas of camp. These staff will be using cleaners recommended by the CDC for sanitizing surfaces. The most commonly used areas of camp (bathrooms, changing rooms, tables, etc.) will be cleaned when not in use. Additionally, these staff will be called in to sanitize certain areas based on need.

## Cancelled Activities

These activities or areas remain cancelled and will be reviewed on an on-going basis.

- Camp Store
- Family Nights
- Family Campouts/Sleepovers
- Field Trips
- Outside Vendors
- Ice Cream Truck