SUMMER 2021

WHAT TO EXPECT AT CAMP SETTOGA

CAMP DATES
Session 1: Jun 28–Jul 23
Session 2: Jul 26–Aug 19
Full Season: Jun 28–Aug 19

WELCOME TO CAMP SETTOGA

We are so excited to welcome you and your family to our camp this summer. We are planning for a joyful, energetic, fun, and thoughtful experience together. Please see below for more of what you can expect in daily activities and programming, as well as our new COVID-19 protocols. We are following the recommendations of the American Camp Association, Centers for Disease Control, and the New York State and Rockland County Departments of Health. We know that some of the details of the day will be different from past summers, and we also know that camp will be filled with laughter, happiness, and transformative experiences.

Please note that this is an evolving document and will continue to change as we receive additional information and guidelines in advance of the summer. All information is subject to change.
OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Camp is a magical place where children can learn, grow, and enjoy amazing outdoor experiences.

The health and safety of our campers, staff, and their families are our priority. We will continue to work closely with our consulting physicians as well as guidance from the CDC, Departments of Health, and American Camp Association.

We can operate safely.

There is so much excitement in the air as we plan for a summer that is better than ever—a chance to see friends, return to favorite activities, and try new things. We can’t wait for an amazing summer together!

CAMP HOURS

**BUSES:** Depart each morning from their scheduled bus stops between 8-8:15 am
4s: 9 am–2 pm
Returning to NYC around 3 pm
5 AND UP: 9 am–4 pm
Returning to NYC around 4:45 pm

PRE-CAMP REQUIREMENTS

Our health forms and camper profiles are currently available in CampDoc. It is imperative that we receive all completed forms and immunization records by May 15. Our leadership staff, camper care team, and medical staff will review all of the profiles before camp begins and will follow up on any necessary details. Campers will not be permitted to start camp until their profiles are complete.

Campers and staff will be asked to follow recommendations from the CDC with regard to frequent hand washing, avoiding close contact with people outside their household, wearing face coverings when around others, and daily monitoring of one’s health.

Please note our testing policy is based on what we know today and may change based on recommendations from the CDC and Department of Health. At this time, we will be requiring each camper and staff member to present a negative PCR result taken within 72 hours of the first day of camp.

DROP-OFF, PICKUP + RIDE TO CAMP

We will require health declarations to be completed by campers and staff before arrival at the bus stop. This will be accessible in our new camp app and can also be accessed through a website. We ask anyone who is feeling sick to stay home and report their symptoms to us.

Each camper and staff member will have their temperature taken upon arrival at the bus stop. Staff will use a touchless thermometer. Temperatures must be lower than 100 degrees for campers to attend camp.

The campers will be assigned seats on the bus. One person will sit in each bench seat, aside from siblings who will be asked to sit together. The driver, all staff, and campers will be required to wear a face mask and seat belt for the ride, and windows will be open throughout the ride as well.

As in past summers, all campers and staff members will be assigned a bus stop. Campers will arrive at the bus stop and show their completed health declaration and have their temperatures checked. There will be a staff captain at each bus stop as well as additional staff to help with check-in and load-in.

Each camper will need to be signed out by an adult listed on their Sign Out Authorization list in CampDoc.

GROUP SIZE + POD INTERACTIONS

Based on current NY State guidelines, camper groups will be limited to 15 campers. Each group will have their own dedicated counselors who will travel with the group and participate in activities throughout the day.

Campers and staff should expect to be primarily with their group. We have planned fun, engaging, and enjoyable activities for each age group. Each group will have the opportunity to do the same activities at different times of the day and week.
CLEANING, HAND WASHING + SANITIZING

To minimize the transfer of COVID-19, campers and staff will be asked (and reminded) to wash their hands frequently. There are a number of sets of bathrooms throughout camp, and children will stop regularly to wash their hands. Handwashing will be required before all snack and meal times, and generally before each activity. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout camp and will be in all camp group backpacks for easy access as well. Cleaning methods will be employed throughout camp to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. These include communal spaces, shared materials, and frequently touched surfaces.

MASKS

Our philosophy is to balance fun and joyful experiences throughout the summer while maintaining all health and safety guidelines. We have updated our mask policy for campers to include the following:

• Masks will be worn on the bus to and from camp
• Masks will be worn during all indoor activities, when transitioning between activities, and at arrival and dismissal
• Campers will have the option to remove their mask while outside with just their group at an activity

We request that families send additional masks to be kept with their child’s extra clothing; we will have replacement masks available as well.

DISTANCING

Camp Settoga is set on 22 lush acres, with many courts, fields, playgrounds, and activity areas. This will enable the groups to spread out from one another for all of their activities. Campers will not be asked to maintain physical distance within their group, though they will need to distance from campers and staff in other groups.

ACTIVITIES

We are so excited for a summer filled with growth, play, learning, and skill development. All of our campers will have daily sports facilitated by the amazing JCC coaches, as well as open play on the playgrounds, gaga pit, and parkour course. Campers will have various specialties, including art, drama, music, science, and yoga, throughout the week. These activities will be facilitated by amazing instructors as in past summers, and will take place in the open-air pavilions located around camp.

All of our campers will have swim lessons and free swim throughout the summer. Campers in all age groups will be placed in smaller groups within their camp group for these lessons, and the lessons will be facilitated by skilled and trained water safety instructors. The children will wear their masks to the pool deck and will remove them for their swim lessons.

FOOD AT CAMP

As in past summers, we will provide both lunch and snacks. Lunch will include an entree made up of a protein, carb, and vegetable, and there will always be sandwiches, pasta, and salad available. Campers will be served two snacks each day as well.

Please let us know if your camper has any food allergies, and we are happy to determine a plan with you. Campers will be unmasked for both lunch and snack. The counselors will seat them distanced from each other. In the event that distance can not be maintained, we will use clear dividers between the campers while they are eating.

RAIN DAYS

We are lucky to have enough space throughout camp to accommodate all of our activities on a rainy day. We may need to modify some activities depending on the severity of the rain and possible lightning.

We ask that all campers are dressed appropriately for the weather so they can enjoy all of their activities, even in the rain!