



Planning for Summer 2021

It would be impossible for us to know the extent of the Covid-19 pandemic for the summer of 2021; however, we do know that preparations must start now to offer camp and ensure a successful summer. Because of this, we are planning for facility and operational upgrades at all of our camps.

Some of these upgrades include:

- Maximizing ventilation in cabins
- Adapting our dining and food service processes
- Transforming our Health Center Services by adding additional space for COVID testing, examination, and isolation areas
- Modifying our drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Redesigning camp/group gatherings
- Restructuring programming

Important Information for Our Families

1. Registration is open NOW and can be found on [our website](#). Sessions are filling fast at all our camps. Currently, we have implemented capacity limitations at our kids camps North Woods and Pleasant Valley which has decreased our enrollment capability based on the current COVID guidelines. As sessions fill, we will start a first come first serve waitlist.
2. Please note our CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing and submitted to campingservices@ymcaboston.org. This policy is our traditional policy. If you feel unable to attend Camp, (North Woods, Pleasant Valley, or Sandy Island) we ask that you observe the dates listed below as part of your decision making process. To help you make the most informed decision possible, we will communicate policies and protocols by **March 1, 2021**.
 - Before January 1 st, 100% of tuition is refundable, including non-refundable deposit.
 - After January 1st, deposit is non-refundable.
 - After April 1st, 50% of tuition is non-refundable.
 - After June 1st 100% of tuition is non-refundable

*For Sandy Island Family Campers - We are FULL with waitlists. We encourage campers to be mindful of all of our campers and review their summer plans in advance to support our camp community and cabin planning. **We anticipate the Covid-19 pandemic adaptations will be a part of the summer and concerns likely will still be present for vulnerable populations.** If you are unable to attend camp for any reason and need to cancel your registration, **you will not be held to the leave of absence policy in 2021***, however, deposit and enrollment fees will follow the timeline outlined above.

3. The status of COVID-19 may affect our operation costs for 2021. We may need to request an additional COVID-19 operational fee above the current tuition. This fee will range based on the safety measures required to operate. If needed, this fee will be determined and communicated by March 1, 2021 so we can provide the most accurate assessment and hopefully keep costs as low as possible.

- As always, we will provide financial assistance for any family who cannot afford the additional fee.

How You Can Help

Thank you for your ongoing interest in supporting our camp community. We acknowledge that our return in 2021 will require us to adapt. A Reopening Sub-Committee composed of staff, members of our Camping Services Board of Advisors, and leaders of YMCA of Greater Boston Association have identified the need for procurement of many new adaptive operational items. If you have connections in procuring discounted or donated items to help us keep costs low for 2021 please do reach out to us at campingservices@ymcaboston.org.

Some of items include;

- Tents of all shapes and sizes
- Building materials/lumber and plumbing supplies (for hand washing stations and water bottle fill stations)
- Portable camp/stadium chairs, fanny packs and water bottles
- Picnic tables for adaptive dining
- Kitchen equipment, service wares, paper products (plates, cups, silverware, to go boxes)
- Program equipment including lifejackets and swim training tools
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) (masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, gowns for health team)
- Cleaning products (bleach wipes, cleaning products and equipment) • COVID-19 Testing companies & tests

If you would like to support our efforts through donation, please [Click here](#).

* **Leave of Absence:** This is the opportunity for a Returning Summer Camp Family/or adult individual to take a summer off. This is allowed once every 5 years. The request must be in writing and all the payment deadlines apply to the time of the request (**Deposit, Payment, and Cancellation Policies**). Filling a LOA cabin follows the same methodology as registration and waitlist. When the LOA family returns the following year everything reverts back to the status of each involved family if they were registered campers that switched cabins. However, if the new family was in the LOA cabin, they would be moved to Recent Summer Camper status if they apply to come back the following summer.