

May 1, 2020

Dear Branford Parks and Recreation Camp Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy as we navigate through this new norm and way of living during the Covid-19 Worldwide Pandemic.

Our department and staff at this time would be in full swing with planning for your children to attend one of the many summer camps offered. At this time we are trying to navigate what Summer Camp might entail for your children. We continue to meet regularly brainstorming possible scenarios in an effort to make this summer enjoyable for all. We feel that it is important that we communicate to everyone what plans we are exploring. At the forefront, is the safety of your children, family and our staff.

Nothing would be more exciting than for Summer Camp to run as it has in the past. Our staff looks forward to the time when we can welcome you back.

Following guidelines from Federal, State, & Local government, the CDC and our Local Health Department, we continue to be proactive in how we will be able to engage your children this summer. To that end we will be prepared and want to share with you some of the potential plans we have been exploring, knowing that at any time they could change.

- 1. Planning for summer camps to run as normal.
- 2. Planning for modified camp weeks. (ie. delayed start, shorter camps days, smaller groups)
- 3. Planning for a virtual camp experience.

Our department staff, will reassess our plans/options regarding camp after May 20th. *At this time, families are not required to make their installment camp payment.* After we receive pertinent information, we will reach out to our camp families with an update. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 203-488-8304 or email us, <u>recreation@branford-ct.gov</u>.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We hope that you find the distance recreation activities, programs, and communications that we send out weekly from our department, beneficial. Wishing your children and families the best of health and safety during this most challenging time. Staying strong, staying vigilant, social distancing, wearing a face cover and washing your hands, we will emerge on the other side of COVID-19 stronger, wiser, and have a better appreciation of the things in life that truly matter.

Sending you and your family strength, health, and happiness!

Sincerely,

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