

## Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation Summer Childcare Programs FAQs

### When does summer camp registration begin?

- *Priority Registration for those enrolled in our 2020/21 School Year or 2020 Summer Child Care Programs - online only – April 17–23*
- *Standard Registration for the general public - online only – April 24–June 6*
- *RISE Registration: TBD - online only*

### Why is summer camp registration taking place later than in previous years?

*The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically altered our approach to operating summer camps and programs again this year. We wanted to provide the best customer service possible to parents with the least amount of changes possible after registration is complete.*

### Will there be priority registration for returning customers?

*Yes. As listed above, priority registration will be available for those enrolled in our 2020/21 School Year or 2020 Summer Child Care Programs and will take place online April 17-23.*

### What is the age range for summer camps?

Summer Child Care Programs for Preschool thru 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Licensed Early Childhood (ages 2.5-5 years)
- School-Age (Rising 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Middle School (Rising 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Sport & Specialty (ages vary by camp)

### What locations will be used to hold the camps?

*Camps will be held at our recreation centers and various Virginia Beach City Public Schools as usual. If your preferred program location is full, add your child to the waitlist and we will follow up should space become available.*

### Will the capacities and staff ratios be reduced again this summer?

*Yes, for the safety of children, and to provide adequate supervision to maintain social distancing, the ratios are as follows:*

*Licensed Preschool/PreK - 1:8*

*School-Age: 1:12*

### Will participants go on field trips?

*Unfortunately, due to ongoing challenges with the pandemic, we will not be taking participants on field trips this summer. Because of this, we have made the difficult decision not to offer our recreation center teen camps since field trips were a very large component of the programming.*

*We will, however, be bringing in special guests and activities as guidelines permit for our other camp programs to ensure that plenty of fun is had by all!*

**Will participants be able to swim in the rec center pools?**

*Yes! Participants in the recreation center-based camps will have the opportunity to swim in the pools.*

*\*Exception – The pool at Princess Anne Recreation Center will be closed for a scheduled maintenance project and therefore swimming will not be available at that site.*

**Will the rec centers be offering sports and specialty camps?**

*Yes! A complete list of those camps can be found on the [VBgov.com/camps](http://VBgov.com/camps) page of our website under the Sports & Specialty tab.*