

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon

To Parents Registered or Considering Registration of Before & After School, Mini Clubs & Neighbourhood Club Programs:

We are very happy to announce the re-opening of our programs on September 8th, 2020 or first frull day of school. We have missed our kids and families and look forward to seeing how much all of our kids have grown since March!

Since the Pandemic started, our Evergreen Early Learning Centre re-opened on March 30th for essential service workers, our John Lake ElC re-opened on June 8th and we ran 4 Summer Day Camps - 3 in the city and 1 at Pike Lake. At all of our re-opened sites, we have been following the Government of Saskatchewan guidelines and have implemented procedures to ensure that we are keeping our children, youth and families as safe as we possibly can. These procedures were approved by the Saskatoon Health Authority.

For our Before & After School, Mini Clubs & Neighbourhood Club Programs:

Please read through an outline of our procedures for these programs. These procedures have been put into place to ensure that we are following the guidelines from the Government of Saskatchewan and all the school boards that we have programs in. **Detailed procedures will follow in the next few days via email.**

- 1. All staff and participants will be required to wear masks at all times, no matter what age they are.
- 2. Programs will mix age groups (school cohorts) except when there are enough kids from one school cohort to place one leader with that cohort. We will be working with the schools to try to implement this in our larger programs, where there is a greater chance of many kids from 1 cohort.
- 3. We will try to keep group size to 15 wherever possible. This will depend on how much space we have access to at each site. Larger programs may see increased group sized to a maximum of 25 if the space allows for social distancing (minimum 6 ft).
- 4. All programs will allow for social distancing and programming will be modified (such as pool noodle tag). Physical activity will be part of our programming.
- 5. Parents will not be allowed into the programs; we have emergency cell phones at each site and there will be a detailed procedure for pick up and drop offs to follow.
- 6. No shared materials. Supplies will be provided individually, based on program plans. Equipment will be assigned to individual participants and sanitized prior to sharing with another participant.
- 7. Participants are required to bring their own snack which will be eaten at least 6ft apart from other participants
- 8. Program staff will ensure that the site (all tables, chairs, high touch surfaces and washroom taps & dispensers) are sanitized before program start, after snack, before & after each activity or every half hour, whichever comes first.
- 9. We will be following all the protocols as set out by the school boards, including first aid procedures, participants who have symptoms, staff who have symptoms etc.
- 10. We ask for patience during this time, as we are all (children, youth, families and Boys & Girls Clubs) trying to do the best we can to keep everyone safe.

Wearing masks, 100% of the time, allows us to mix age groups (cohorts). Providing programs to individual cohorts is something that, as a non-profit organization, we cannot afford. We do not and will not put that cost onto parents as it would not be affordable for families as well.

Here are the next steps:

- If you are currently registered for our programs, you have until Friday August 22nd to cancel your registration. We will start processing registration fees on Monday August 24th, 2020.
- Please ensure that if you decide to register your child(ren) that you have checked off if you will need the program FT or PT. You can change or confirm this with our Manager Dina at <u>dina@bgcsaskatoon.com</u>
- If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office and speak to Heidi, Leigh-Ann, Dina or Cass.

Thank you for your patience - we look forward to seeing you all!

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