

Stoughton Recreation Pre and Open Playground Parent-Child Handbook 2021

Updated 6/23/2021

Open Playground will run from 6/28/2021-8/13/2021 from 8:30 am-2:30 pm with the option to sign up for After Playground (Open Playground ONLY) until 4:00 pm. There is no After Playground for Pre. Open Playground and Pre-Playground are located at South School at 171 Ash St in Stoughton.

COVID-19 Procedures

Parents should check their email and our website (www.StoughtonRec.org) under the Open Playground page for the most up-to-date information prior to their child's first day.

We are encouraging all staff, parents, and children to receive the covid-19 vaccine prior to their child's first day once they are eligible. There are no outdoor or indoor mask requirements. Masks indoors are encouraged but not required. In the event that a camper/staff tests positive for covid-19 or is identified as a close contact, they must isolate or quarantine until they have met the requirements for discontinuing isolation or quarantine set by the state of Massachusetts.

There are no cohorts or groups like last summer - with covid-19 restrictions lifted by the state, we are returning to the open play format that many families have seen in years past. Staff will provide campers with an orientation at the start of the session to encourage and educate on reporting symptoms and not coming to camp if sick.

Parents/guardians are responsible for checking for these symptoms, including a fever, each day before drop off.

Do not send your child to the program if:

- Your child or anyone in your household have a fever
- Your child or anyone in your household have flu like symptoms, a cough, sore throat, sneezing, wheezing, shortness of breath, trouble breathing, vomiting or loss of sense of taste or smell
- Your child or anyone in your family or household has been exposed or in contact with a suspected or confirmed COVID patient in the past 14 days

Medication and Allergies

All medications and allergies must be made aware of to the Open Playground Director and included in your registration. If your child has an epi-pen, please provide *two labeled epi-pens in a bag or container.*

Early Pick-Up and Late Pick-Up Policy

If you arrive early to pick up your child, you must check them out with the Open Playground Director. This is necessary to avoid any confusion during the multiple check-in times we hold through the day. We want to make sure your child is accounted for at all times appropriately. Parents and guardians will be given a first time 15-minute grace period to pick up their child from the Open Playground program. After that, you will be charged \$5 for every 15 minutes you are late.

Sunscreen Guidelines

Please apply sunscreen on your child every day before arriving at the playground. *Playground staff cannot and will not apply sunscreen to the participants once they arrive at camp.* This is for the safety of both staff and children. Counselors will remind the children on multiple occasions throughout the day to apply their sunscreen when necessary. We encourage you to purchase and pack spray sunscreen for ease of use.

Rain Day and Heat Advisory Policy

In the case of inclement weather during the program we will go inside the South School. In the event of a heat advisory day, the program will be cancelled for that day to ensure the safety of all. All cancellations can be found on all these platforms: www.stoughtonrec.org, email from Stoughton Recreation, Stoughton Recreation Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StoughtonMaRecreation>

Snack and Lunch

Each child should pack a snack, lunch, and water bottle each day. Pre-playground snacks and lunches must be peanut and tree nut free. Open Playground has no dedicated lunch time - kids have the freedom to choose, though most eat around 12:00 pm. Children check in with their counselors and wash their hands prior to eating snack or lunch. And remember - it's hot out there!! Please pack enough water and snacks to last the day

Walker Waivers

If you wish for your child to walk home after Open Playground, permission must be granted at the time of registration. A child will not be permitted to walk home without this completed documentation. If you would like to grant permission at a later date, please contact the Recreation office.

Pre-Playground

Anyone registered for Pre-Playground must be FULLY potty trained (can go without any help) and there are no exceptions. We cannot accommodate children that are not potty trained. Masks are not required in Pre classrooms

Behavior Policy:

Appropriate behavior is expected from all participants at all times in recreation programs. To ensure safe and enjoyable programs and facilities for all participants, the Stoughton Recreation Department has developed the following Code of Conduct:

Children must:

- Refrain from using foul language and obscene behavior
- Refrain from causing bodily harm to themselves, other participants or staff
- Show respect to all participants, staff, equipment, supplies and facilities
- Abide by the guidelines encouraged by Stoughton Public Schools Bullying Policy.

These guidelines have been developed to make recreation programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed for particular programs as deemed necessary by staff. The Stoughton Recreation Department strives to protect and respect the rights of all participants. A positive approach will be used when handling behavior issues. The Stoughton Recreation Department reserves the right to dismiss a participant (depending on the severity of the conduct). If a behavioral management plan has been developed through your child's school, please inform the staff or include it in your registration so that we can support the child in the best way possible

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us:

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