



GEORGE PRINGLE MEMORIAL CAMP

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June 12, 2020

COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATES for DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

Please be aware of the following updates to our summer day camp procedures. All our policies have been developed based on orders and recommendations from the regional & provincial health authorities and the BC Camps Association. The recommendations from the BC Provincial health officer are continuously changing due to the evolving COVID-19 situation. We are committed to monitoring these updates and adapting our safety protocols as needed throughout the summer. Should you have questions please contact our Camp Director Claire Friedrich at director@camppringle.com.

General Notes:

- Our day camps are programmed outside! Except in cases of severe weather children will do all activities outside.
- We will have maximum 40 campers (kids and/or teens) registered for each day camp program.
- Kids will be grouped into teams of 8-10 campers and will only interact with their team for the weeklong program.
- If any member of your household has travelled outside Canada, your child may not attend Camp Pringle for 14 days following the household member's return home to Vancouver Island.
- No other rentals/events are taking place at our facility during day camp hours. Other Camp Pringle staff members or repair technicians etc. will maintain as much distance as possible and at least 2 meters from the day camp staff and campers at all times.
- Please check your emails! We will send a detailed email 2 weeks prior to your camper's first day of camp. Our mass emails sometimes go to junk boxes so please check your junk mail regularly.
- Please log on to your camper's registration account and ensure your phone numbers are current.

Program Activities:

- All program equipment will be sanitized between each camper's use. Some equipment such as rock climbing helmets & harnesses take time to fully sanitize and dry so we will run that activity once per day only to ensure our 12 sets of gear are safe for our next group of campers.
- There will be no more than 10 campers at a program station at any given time. This includes our waterfront.
- We have ample program equipment so every camper may use their own items (such as a compass for orienteering) during their group's activity session.
- We have eliminated any program activities where physical distance cannot be safely maintained and will focus on our low contact individual sports (archery, kayaking etc.)

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- We ask that all families who are able to please send your camper with their own lifejacket for the week. Please ensure the lifejacket is labeled with your camper's name.
- All high contact play items (such as basketballs & volleyballs) have been removed from use.

Parent Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures:

- Drop off & Pick up will be located OUTSIDE in the parking lot next to our gazebo. We ask that parents remain in our parking lot and not venture farther into the camp program area.
- Drop off is between 8:30-9:00am each morning and pickup is between 4:30-5:00pm each afternoon. Due to increased safety protocols our front gate will be closed from 9:00am-4:30pm. If you need to pick up your child outside the designated times you must arrange it the day before with our administrative team.
- For Monday morning registration, cones have been set up 2 meters apart. Please line up along the cones and wait your turn to register your child into their weekly activity group. You will then be assigned a pickup/drop off location for your camper's activity group to use for the remainder of the week.
- Please note, the front door of Spencer Hall (next to our office) will be locked. If you need to speak to an office staff member please phone us at 250-743-2189 and we would be happy to come outside to speak with you.
- We regret that bathroom facilities will not be open or available to parents dropping off campers.
- For attendance, our day camp staff will sign in and sign out the children to avoid a pen being handled by many people. We will ask for the first and last name of the person who has arrived for drop off or pick up so we can log the name on our daily attendance.
- Please keep 2 meters away from our staff and children that are not your own at all times.
- Please allow extra time during drop off and pick up to accommodate our new COVID-19 safety measures, particularly for Monday morning registration. **Rudeness or harassment of any kind directed at our staff members will not be tolerated.** Please be patient, we are all learning new ways of safely delivering services.

Cleaning:

- We observe all Island Health and BC CDC cleaning guidelines.
- Our buildings and bathroom facilities are cleaned daily. High-touch surfaces (door handles etc.) are being cleaned twice daily.
- Our facility staff members are WHMIS certified and have been carefully trained on cleaning protocols and complete daily checklists to ensure no area has been forgotten.
- All program equipment (archery bows, kayak paddles etc.) is thoroughly sanitized between each camper's use.
- Program equipment that is not easily sanitized has been removed.

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Personal Hygiene:

- Children will have supervised hand washing for 20 seconds after arriving at camp each morning, before and after eating, after toileting, before and after program activities and prior to departure for home. We have scheduled additional time between each activity for hand hygiene for campers and staff.
- Hand sanitizer is available in all our day camp counselor's staff backpacks for use anytime soap & water is not available (for example on a hike)
- Please ensure your child bathes regularly and wears clean clothes each day.
- Children are encouraged to wear hats to protect themselves from the sun but cannot share hats with other children.
- Campers will be reminded of respiratory etiquette

Eating & Drinking:

- Children will be provided a daily lunch and afternoon snack. Our picnic lunches will be served outdoors and campers will eat with their group.
- Our lunch and afternoon snack will be easy “grab and go” meals such as pizza, hot dogs and snacks such as watermelon or rice krispy squares!
- Our kitchen staff will prepare pre-portioned trays of lunch/snack for each camper group and their day camp leaders will serve the campers their lunch outside.
- Staff will wear gloves while serving lunch/snack to campers.
- Campers will not be able to share food with one another.
- All children have a labeled Camp Pringle water bottle for use throughout the day. Bottles stay at camp and are sanitized in our commercial dishwasher daily (campers may take home their bottles on Friday)
- We are a Nut-Aware facility. If you send extra snacks with your child please do not send snacks containing nuts / nut butters.

Camp Pringle Staff:

- We have increased our staff to camper ratio to ensure increased cleaning protocols can be met.
- All staff are First Aid Certified and our lifeguards have undergone the BC Lifesaving Society's “rescue ready assessment” to ensure they can still complete all certification requirements.
- Our staff is provided accommodations on site during the week and all staff will be ensuring they are responsibly socially distant when in the community on their days off.
- Our staff will do their utmost to ensure a safe and enjoyable program for all our campers. They will provide age appropriate responses to campers feeling anxious about COVID-19.



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Transportation:

- We have hired bus services from Wilsons Transportation Ltd for 4 weeks of day camps. We have hired 56 passenger school busses but will only seat up to 30 passengers on board.
- Camp Pringle staff will be on board to ensure supervision during bus travel.
- Campers & Staff will sit one person per seat and will wear masks during travel. Siblings may share a seat.
- Pick Up & Drop Off for bus weeks will be in United Church parking lots. Exact locations to be finalized and will be emailed to families 2 weeks prior to their first day of camp.

Health & Wellness:

- Wearing masks is not required for children or program staff in childcare and day camp environments. Our staff will wear masks during drop off and pick up when interacting with parents.
- If your child or any member of your household is displaying symptoms related to COVID-19 do NOT send them to Camp Pringle day camps and report the symptoms to Camp Pringle administration by phone at 250-743-2189 as soon as possible.
- Parents are responsible for monitoring their camper daily for symptoms and you will be asked during drop off each morning if you have done a daily assessment for your camper(s).
- If you suspect your camper or any member of your household has COVID-19 you may cancel your summer camp program up until 72hrs prior to start of camp (cancel by Friday for camp on Monday) and receive a full refund.
- We have a trained Medic onsite who will be ensuring our staff members are completing a daily self-assessment for COVID-19 symptoms.
- If any Camp Pringle staff member displays any symptoms of COVID-19 they will immediately self-isolate until they can leave camp property to go home. The staff member will be tested for COVID-19 and cannot return to work until advised by public health it is safe to do so.

Please be aware that COVID-19 Symptoms can include:

Chest Pain, Difficulty Breathing or Shortness of Breath, Fever, Cough, Sore Throat, Chills, Runny Nose, Fatigue, Dizziness, Loss of Taste/Smell, Muscle Aches, Headaches, Loss of Appetite.

**If you are unsure, please use the Province of BC's self-assessment tool found online at <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>*