Protocol and Safety Guidelines for Environmental Day Camp, Summer 2021

Introduction

Seacoast Science Center (SSC) believes that the safety of its visitors, program participants, and staff and volunteers is of paramount importance. Over 28 years, SSC has established a track record for putting the safety of its program participants first. We also believe that, in accordance with guidelines of the State of New Hampshire’s Safer at Home, it is important for SSC to operate our Seaside Safari summer environmental day camp so that we may provide a trusted source of child day care for parents returning to work and a summertime educational outlet for the children of the Seacoast. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have expanded our day camp health and safety protocols while putting in place additional preventative measures for infectious disease control for the 2021 summer season.

All procedures and protocols are developed with the best practices advanced by the US Centers for Disease Control and NH Department of Health and Human Services in mind. SSC monitors the US CDC and NH DHHS for updates and changes to protocols. Such updates may require that SSC changes its protocols at any time to remain compliant. SSC commits to giving parents and caregivers as much advance notice as possible however rapid changes to protocol may be necessary in response to changing public health standards.

This document outlines, in detail, SSC’s Seaside Safari environmental day camp health and safety protocols as well as specific measures that we believe are required to foster a safe and healthy camp experience at the Seacoast Science Center and within Odiorne Point State Park (OPSP).

Seaside Safari and Treks 4 Tots Overview

Seacoast Science Center’s Seaside Safari and Treks 4 Tots environmental day camp programs are fun-filled learning adventures that take advantage of the natural classroom just outside our
doors in historic 135-acre Odiorne Point State Park. The Center’s hands-on exhibits, scientific instruments, and teaching technology of the Gregg Interactive Learning Studio help to reinforce what campers learn outdoors. Lessons, activities, art projects, games, and stories combine for a full day of learning, excitement and fun. Seaside Safari and Treks 4 Tots counselors have, or are working towards, a degree in environmental education, marine biology or a related science. They all have experience working with children. The maximum camper to staff ratio is 6:1.

Campers are grouped by grade and sessions are defined by date. Each session focuses on a different theme. Campers in grades K-5 have historically used the Sugden House as home base; however, this season groups will meet under a large seaside tent. Camp groups will separate for activities throughout the day. Campers in grades 6-8 meet in the Gregg Interactive Learning Studio.

CAMP GROUPS

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CAMP HOURS

Treks 4 Tots: (ages 4-5): Monday through Friday, 9am–3pm or half-day option, 9am-12pm
Seaside Safari (grades K-5): Monday through Friday, 9am–3pm
Stewards (grades 6-8): Days and times vary
Marine Biology Camp for High School Students: Days and times vary

* Sessions 1 only has a by-the-day option; all other sessions are by-the-week only.
** Drop-off starts at 8:30am and continues until 9:30am.
*** Pre-care is available from 7:30–8:30am and after-care from 3-5:30pm, for an additional fee. Neither are extensions of camp; it is supervised free time. Pre- and after-care is not available for Treks.

Health and Safety Guidelines for SSC Environmental Day Camps for 2021

1. Campers or campers with parents or caregivers that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or have come in known contact with someone tested positive for COVID-19, cannot attend SSC Environmental Day Camp until after completion of the CDC recommended quarantine period.
2. SSC will establish a designated and isolated quarantine space for anyone developing COVID-19 symptoms while in attendance.
3. Daily health check-ins are required for all staff and campers.
4. EMT will be on site during the camp day to provide emergency medical assistance and oversee infectious disease protocols.
5. Camp will emphasize outdoor activities in lieu of indoor activities whenever possible.
6. When indoors, camp groups will be spread throughout the SSC facility (15,000 sq ft) and maintain safe social distancing from visitors. All campers, staff, and visitors will be required to wear masks while in the building. All campers and staff will be required to wear masks outside when working in close proximity where appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained.

7. Under the supervision of the staff EMT, Director of Camp and Programs, Camp Counselors will ensure that all campers practice infectious disease control hygiene measures at all times in SSC daycamp.

8. Campers are grouped by age groups, with groups limited to 12 children in a group with 2 counselors.

9. Camp groups will honor social distancing guidelines. Campers within a camp group will be allowed to be in closer proximity to one another but with no physical contact.

10. Camp group rosters will remain fixed for the week with the same campers and counselors each day. Should a counselor call out sick, a substitute will be assigned. That substitute will be trained in SSC Camp protocol and will undergo requisite health screening upon arrival.

11. SSC commits to keep in close communications with all camp parents, notifying them of instances of sickness and potential or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Summer Safari Camp or on the SSC staff.

TRAINING

SSC Staff, Camp Counselors, and the Camp EMT will participate in virtual training and on-site training the week of June 14-18, 2021. Training activities will be conducted in groups of less than 10, in accordance with US CDC recommendations in terms of social distance and PPE. Training will include:

- Infectious disease sanitation and proper use of PPE
- Recognition of potential COVID-19 symptoms and process for quarantining persons suspected of showing symptoms
- CPR and first aid
- Group distancing, both inside the building and outside
- Camper drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Disinfection of camp supplies
- Bathroom procedures, including disinfecting, cleaning and safe, respectful monitoring of children while they are in the bathroom

SSC SEASIDE SAFARI DAY CAMP-SPECIFIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE PROTOCOL

It is expected that camp staff follow these protocols at all times:

- No interaction between the campers and public while at SSC or within OPSP
- Focus on outdoor activities
- Isolate camp groups from one another, both inside the building and out
- Trail use in OPSP will be determined each morning to maintain one way travel on trails
- Monitor camper and camp facilities sanitation

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- Remain with same campers for entire week
- Disinfect craft supplies before and after use
- Only allow 3 children in bathroom at one time
- Staff and campers, including Counselors in Training, shall wear protective masks while inside the building or outside when working in close groups where appropriate social distance cannot be maintained.
- Adhere to the following drop off and pick up procedures:
  - Camper Drop-off between 8:30-9:30am
  - Campers will be met at their vehicles at a designated location in the parking lot by an SSC staff member serving as a health screener. The health screener will wear appropriate PPE.
  - The screener will ask the following questions and record the answers for each camper and camper family:
    - Have you or anyone in your family been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
    - Have you or anyone in your family had a fever or felt feverish in the last 72 hours?
    - Are you or anyone in your family experiencing any respiratory symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?
    - Are you or anyone in your family experiencing any new muscle aches or chills?
    - Have you or anyone in your family experienced any new change in your sense of taste or smell?
    - Have you or anyone in for your family traveled outside of New England within the last 10 days?
  - Parents who answered “No” to all of the above questions will be told that their camper(s) may exit the vehicle.
  - The camper’s temperature will be taken with a touchless thermometer and recorded along with the parent/caregiver’s replies to the health screening questions.
  - Campers will be given hand sanitizer to use upon exiting vehicle
  - Parents/caregivers that answered “yes” to any of the screening questions will be instructed to remain in with their campers in the vehicle, leave the premises and seek medical advice.
  - Per EEOC and other pertinent guidelines, staff will maintain the confidentiality of health information.
  - Late campers: Parents arriving after 9:15 need to call the SSC Camp Director when they arrive at the designated drop off area in the parking lot. (603-812-9425). The Camp Director will dispatch the designated health screener to greet the child, and gather the daily health screening information so that the child may be safely escorted to their camp group.
Should a camper develop a fever over the course of the day:

- The camper will be given suitable PPE and isolated in the designated quarantine space. The sick camper must not be left alone in the isolation space.
- The camper’s parents or caregivers and SSC President and Vice President will be notified immediately.
- All camp parents or caregivers with children in the current session would be notified by phone before the next camp day.
- Camper Pick-up at 12:00 pm or 3:00pm
- Camp parents/caregivers arrive at the designated pick up location in the parking lot and remain inside their vehicle.
- SSC camp staff will ask the parent/caregiver which camper(s) they are picking up.
- The camp staff at the pickup location will radio the camper’s group and camper(s) will be escorted to the vehicle. Before entering the vehicle the camper will be signed out as picked up by a designated responsible party.
- Campers being picked up early must notify camp staff at the morning drop off of the early pick up. Parents/caregivers will call or text Center from the parking lot and campers will be escorted to the vehicle by the Assistant Camp Director and be signed out as picked up by a designated responsible party.

Pre-Care and After-Care Drop off and Pick up Procedure

- Parent/caregiver will call Seacoast Science Center (603-436-8043) from Staff Parking Lot behind the SSC building. Campers will be escorted to and from the vehicle, following health screening procedures.

SSC COMMITUNICATIONS TO CAMP PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS

SSC commits to timely and transparent communications with its camp parents and guardians.

- All campers who are sick or campers from families that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to persons known to have tested positive for COVID-19 will be told to remain home.
- All camp parents or caregivers with children in a session where a camper becomes sick will be notified of the illness by phone.

Camp parents or caregivers with children in sessions following a session where a camper becomes sick will be notified by email of the instance of illness in a previous session in advance of their registered camp session.

DAILY SSC STAFF HEALTH SCREENING PER US CDC & NH DHHS PROTOCOL
All employees reporting for work will be screened for COVID-19 related symptoms as follows:

- A location will be identified and a staff member assigned who will screen each employee every day before they enter the workplace.
- Plans will be clearly communicated with employees.
- The person performing the screening will wear a cloth face covering/mask.
- The screener will ask the following questions:
  - Have you or anyone in your family been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
  - Have you or anyone in your family had a fever or felt feverish in the last 72 hours?
  - Are you or anyone in your family experiencing any respiratory symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?
  - Are you or anyone in your family experiencing any new muscle aches or chills?
  - Have you or anyone in your family experienced any new change in your sense of taste or smell?
  - Have you or anyone in your family traveled outside of New England within the last 10 days?
- Each day upon arrival before their shift, the temperatures of all employees will be documented with a non-touch thermometer. Normal temperature should not exceed 100.0°F.

Should an employee exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, answer "yes" to any of the screening questions, or is found to have a fever in excess of 100.0°F, the SSC health screener will:

- Instruct the employee to leave the premises immediately and to seek medical advice.
- Notify SSC President and Vice President that an employee has been prevented from working because of potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure.
- Per EEOC and other pertinent guidelines, SSC will maintain the confidentiality of employee health information. Stigma and discrimination in the workplace will be prevented. Determinations of health risk or health status will not be based on race or country of origin.

SSC WORKPLACE HYGIENE AND SANITATION

Seacoast Science Center strongly promotes the workplace safety standards advanced by the US CDC and NH DHHS in light of the COVID-19 including:

- Frequent hand hygiene and use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers when soap and water is not available.
- Disinfection of work stations, door handles and other high touch surfaces in the workplace.
- High touch areas in the SSC public space will be sanitized at least every two hours while in use.
• Practice physical distancing in the workplace for those times and situations where remote work is impossible.
• Wearing protective face coverings and where appropriate protective disposable gloves.