



## SALTAIRE DAY CAMP - SUMMER 2021 - JULY 5 to AUGUST 27

**BACK TO NORMAL-ISH:** Good news! Based on recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Camp Association (ACA), the Camp Director - *in partnership with the Village Administration, the Mayor, and the Board of Trustees* - is proposing that we return to a Day Camp Model for Summer 2021 with pandemic health restrictions. Campers will be assigned to 'pods' with dedicated staff for **2-Week Sessions**. How big are the pods? With current restrictions we can safely and effectively guide camp pods of no more than 12 elementary aged campers - or campers who are rising 1 -6 graders as of Fall of 2021. Campers will follow a slightly modified camp schedule and campers - in their pods - will participate in all the important core facets of Saltaire Day Camp: swimming in the Bay and Ocean, sports activities on the Field, art in the Art Shed, and more. Camp will run from Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Registration will open to Saltaire residents on May 15. If there is capacity, registration will open to communities outside Saltaire on June 15.

**PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN:** There will be no buddies necessary this summer - we will return to a drop off model but with smaller groups than a "normal" summer (6-8 campers per group). This age group will have the most difficulty following CDC guidelines like social distancing so from a developmental standpoint, smaller groups will aid in effective management of these younger pods.

**POD STAFFING:** Limiting the number of campers will make supervision workable with the anticipated restrictions like social distancing. Working within these restrictions, however, will require highly effective pod leadership. The Camp Director will staff the pods with a Group Leader, 1-2 Youth Counselors, and 1-2 CITs. That ratio is high since campers will need more redirection, guidance, and reminders than usual since the rules will continue to be more restrictive than in a "normal" summer. As with summer 2020 there will continue to be additional duties setting up, breaking down, and sanitizing equipment, and a team of staff will be assigned to make sure we are following our Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGS).

**AFTER CAMP - EXPANDED OFFERINGS!** In other good news, we will continue to offer an expanded and robust after camp program with 2-4 offerings each day - including NEW aquatics options in the afternoon. If space is filled in a morning session, families who missed out on morning camp will still have a la carte options in the afternoon - so that every child will have access to some recreation option. As with the morning camp, after camp activities will have smaller groups with set enrollment.

OVERVIEW of SALTAIRE DAY CAMP 2021		
WHO?	WHEN?	WHAT ELSE?
1-2 Preschool/Kindergarten PODs (4 years old by start of session) -8 campers max per pod  4-5 Elementary PODs (rising 1-6/7 graders in fall of 2021, up to age 12) -12 campers max per group  Consistent staffing will consist of 1 Group Leader, 1-2 Youth Counselors, 1-2 CITs	<b>The Basics</b> Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm  <b>2-Week Session Dates</b> Session 1      July 5 - 16 Session 2      July 19 - 30 Session 3      August 2 - 13 Session 4      August 16 - 27	<b>Expanded After Camp</b> 2-4 offerings per day from 1pm on Monday - Thursday including specialized art classes, corkball, soccer, basketball, water polo, stand up paddleboarding, American sign language, songwriting, beach volleyball club, and more!

## HAVE QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS.

### **Will there still be some kind of Health Check or Screening for campers and staff?**

Yes, as of now. We are developing a simple and efficient process by which we can assess that a camper has no Covid symptoms, has not traveled to high risk areas, has had no known contact with Covid positive individuals, and has no illness in the household. We are still determining if temperature checks will be a part of this process; we are guided by the Suffolk County Department of Health. If temperature checks are required, the station/s will open well before 9am. As in a more typical summer, campers will be required to submit a 'well camper' medical form including information about vaccines. As of now all staff will self-screen at the beginning of each camp day including a temperature check.

### **Will my camper still have to SOCIAL DISTANCE and WEAR MASKS?**

Yes. Unless state and industry mandates change, campers and staff will remain 6' apart whenever feasible. As per SCDOH guidelines, the bulk of our activities happen outside in areas that are not used for the public (we mark many areas with cones or other boundaries). Like summer 2020, campers will be **required** to wear masks only if their activity is in an enclosed space or outside when social distancing is not possible--such as seated in an Outrigger Canoe. Unless state mandates change, camp staff will continue to wear masks.

### **Will my camper still have to WASH THEIR HANDS?**

Yes. As with summer 2020 we will require staff and campers to wash hands before and after activities (or use approved sanitizer if there is no access to running water). Additional handwashing stations are already set up around the camp.

### **How will you insure that camp materials and supplies are clean?**

There will be little to no equipment sharing between campers, and if necessary, items will be cleaned and sanitized in between use by campers by activity leaders and staff.

### **You said summer camp would be normal-ish this year - does that mean field trips?**

No. The CDC is currently discouraging any off-campus trips due to an increase in camper/staff exposure to Covid.

### **What about traditional Saltaire Day Camp events? Can't anything be normal?**

Trust us--we want that too. The camp leadership will consider how to safely bring back or reinvent some of the traditional Saltaire Day Camp group activities and/or events. Examples we are considering include but are not limited to: Bay Biathlon and Kismet Swim by pods, Color War (example: socially distanced competing pods), Talent Show (recorded by pods or by individuals, edited, and shared widely), Swim Team (very likely no meets but possibly intercamp scrimmages) and more.

### **When will registration start? What if my camper gets shut out of a Session?**

We are aiming for online camp registration to begin May 15. If we have a large waiting list for an age group and we can safely open and staff more pods - we will by June 15 - but no promises. If not, please consider a recreation opportunity in our Expanded After Camp program.

### **What if my camper is only available 1 week of a 2 week session?**

To keep our pods as consistent as possible we are currently requiring **full session** registrations. If your family only needs 1 of the weeks of a session, your family should register for the full 2 week session in order to secure the week you need.

### **Why do Saltaire campers get priority registration?**

Following CDC suggestions pods of campers should be from the same geographical area so we will open up the registration of Saltaire Day Camp to Saltaire families first. If there is capacity we will open up registration to families from other communities on May 15.

### **What are the age groups of the pods?**

Preschool and Kindergarten Pod/s: our youngest day campers must be 4 years old by the start of their session. Submission of a birth certificate is required - no exceptions.

Elementary groups are assigned by their rising grade as of Fall of 2021. There are 1st & 2nd Grade Pods, 3rd & 4th Grade Pods, and 5th & 6th Grade Pods.

**The Village of Saltaire will do its best to create a safe and fun summer for the children of Saltaire.**

**That said, due to the rapidly changing nature of planning recreation programming during a pandemic, all information above is subject to change.**