

March 1, 2021

Dear Parents, SSDC Staff, and extended SSDC Family,

As we approach that long awaited Spring season, we are sending healthy wishes to you and your family. I saw a robin at our bird feeder this morning so maybe, just maybe, we will warm up to some really sun shiny days very soon! As we continue to process information learned over the last year from successful camps and schools around the country, we are assembling a **2021 SSDC Parent's COVID-19 Safety Guidebook** as a reference tool for us all. **Our Guidebook will be posted on our website and emailed to all families by March 10th.** Keep in mind that, as previously stated, we will be ready to move at any time to relax or enhance plans, practices, and protocols as circumstances suggest.

BUCKS FUTSAL LEAGUE

In February we also informed you that we are currently running our Bucks Futsal League out of our USA Fieldhouse and following all current protocols from the CDC, local, and state health authorities. We have now successfully completed 8 weeks of our league season with well over 1200 happy players, coaches, referees, and USA staff.

SUMMER 2021 AT SSDC

As we are all aware, it is so difficult to predict what will be happening with the COVID-19 virus from month to month. With the release of the third vaccine, by J & J, we are even more optimistic that life will start to look closer to normal this summer.

Over the next four months, we will continue to assess our plans, policies, practices, and protocols, providing you with updates and current answers to some of the questions you may have. Our hope, like yours, is that by this summer not all these measures stated in our Guidebook will be necessary. We are however well prepared to operate SSDC under the health guidelines that are in place and recommended for summer camps for 2021.

As you are aware, the camp experience may be different in many ways from previous summers. Although there will be some required changes to this summer, we are quite confident that the feeling of community at SSDC will continue to thrive as it always has for 47 summers – complete with laughter, friendships, shared camp spirit, and many lasting memories for all!

COVID VACCINATION

We reasonably expect all adult staff members of our camp community to be vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to their arrival at camp. At this time, it still seems unlikely that vaccines for COVID-19 will be available for campers by this summer.

ACA RESOURCES - WE ARE NOT ALONE

A field guide, [ACA FIELD GUIDE](#), has been developed and recently updated in January, 2021 by the American Camp Association to provide camp directors with a practical guide and educational resources to implement specific recommendations provided by the CDC in relation to risk reduction at camps.

Although this guide is packed with information that may be of interest to parents and staff, our **2021 SSDC Parent's COVID-19 Safety Guidebook** is certainly more specific to the Southampton Summer Day Camp experience. Please be sure to keep an eye on your email for our Guidebook over the next few days. As mentioned above, whenever we modify our plans, we will keep everyone informed of those modifications in real time.

By now everyone must know exactly how much Jacque and I are looking forward to a spectacular, safe, and rewarding experience for all our campers, parents, and staff this summer! Please feel free to call us directly anytime at 267-246-2693 with any questions.

Best regards,

Rick and Jacque Blum

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