

## COVID Safety Guidelines

Due to existing safety guidelines for public venues, there may be restrictions in effect that might limit our ability to conduct trips. When we receive communication regarding trips from the Dept. of Health we will post this information on our website and print materials. Also, in efforts to keep everyone at camp as safe as possible, we will continue with safety protocols – wearing face masks, and regular cleaning and disinfecting.

## New Campers

All new campers are required to come in with a parent for an interview. Appointments are available evenings. Weekends depend on availability. Please call 718.792.1800 ext. 0 to schedule an interview beginning the 3rd week in February.

## Physical Forms

As a Day Camp licensed by the Rockland County and NYC Department of Health, all campers must submit a current Department of Health physical, immunization history which includes 2 MMR vaccinations and standing order form no later than June 1, 2022. The forms must be completed after January 1, 2022. Physicals and standing orders that expire before the camp season are not acceptable. Physical and standing order forms are available at Bronx House and on our website.

## Bus Schedule

Children taking the bus at Bronx House are assigned a specific time to board between 7:35am-8:15am and return between 5pm-6pm. Please see the Bus Schedule for intersection pick-up information.

## Who are the staff?

Staff consists of Unit Leaders, Senior Counselors, Junior Counselors, Counselors in Training (CIT) and Specialists: Unit Leaders, Senior Counselors, and Specialists are adults and college age staff, Junior Counselors and CITs are high school age staff. All of our staff is required to complete a state background check, provide medical clearance, and undergo reference checks.

## What is the camper to staff ratio?

In accordance with Department of Health regulations, Fun Bunch Camp is required to have a 6:1 camper to staff ratio and Adventurer and Explorer Camps are required to have an 8:1 ratio. Our groups average 12-15 campers per 2-3 counselors and 1 CIT. Teen Travel Camp has a 5:1 ratio and their groups average 15 campers per 3 counselors.

## Do you provide lunch?

We participated in the Summer 2021 DOE lunch program and hope to continue with it for Summer 2022. This will be confirmed prior to the start of camp. If lunch is not provided, parents are responsible for providing campers with lunch every day. There are no microwaves for reheating lunches and we recommend packing lunch in an insulated bag/box, not paper or plastic bags. Snack is provided daily.

*Further questions will be answered at the Parent Orientation on June 21 for Day Camp or June 22 for Teen Camp. If you have questions prior to that time, please contact us at 718.792.1800.*

# FAQ'S ?

## Can parents visit?

Parents can visit their children on Parent Visiting Days – July 15 & August 5 (subject to change). Parents must take the parent bus to the campgrounds since there are no vehicles allowed on the campgrounds, and no one is permitted to walk onto the campgrounds while camp is in session for your child's safety.

## Do campers need money for trips?

**No!** All trip admission fees are covered by your camp fee. Your child is allowed to bring spending money for snacks and souvenirs. Bronx House is not responsible for loss of money campers bring. Trips will be subject to COVID safety protocols in effect.

## What is your electronics policy?

Camp should be fun, so cellphones, video games, tablets, music players and other electronic devices and their use are prohibited at camp and at trip venues. Any such electronics found in use will be confiscated by a supervisor and returned to the camper or parent at the end of the day. This policy will be strictly enforced. We are not responsible for lost items.

## What is your behavior and discipline policy?

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist children to adjust to the camp setting. Your full cooperation is needed and expected. The methods for dealing with disruptive behavior is outlined in the Parent Handbook which is distributed to all parents at Parent Orientation and available on our website. Bronx House reserves the right to dismiss campers who continuously display inappropriate and unmanageable behavior.

At Bronx House, we believe every child has the right to a safe and fun-filled summer experience. Our camp philosophy and mission is to ensure that every camper gains self-confidence, makes new friends and goes home with great memories. Bullying is inexcusable and we have a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** towards all types of bullying.

Bullying is when one or more people exclude, tease, gossip, hit, kick, or intimidate another person with the intent to hurt or have power over that person on more than one occasion. Bullying can occur at all age levels.

**ZERO TOLERANCE** means that Bronx House will address all incidents of bullying seriously and will work with staff and parents to immediately affect a solution to the bullying situation. However, if the situation persists with the willful hurting of others, we will immediately take appropriate action to remove the offending child from camp.

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