

Friday, May 1, 2020

Dear SPR Families:

We wanted to send a follow up regarding our summer program planning. We know a lot of you are looking for updates in light of the recent information provided this week by the state and Governor Mills. This has given us both optimism for summer programs and areas we need to finalize before we are able to move forward with summer camp registration. To that end, we are working with our local emergency planning team, city administration, school department, regional network of recreation professionals, and our staff at SPR to ensure that all considerations for re-opening programs safely are factored into our thoughts for summer.

Here is an overview of our tentative timeline and information for summer programs. ***Please understand all of these updates will be based on how trends in our state continue this spring and are subject to change as governed by the state:***

- **Info:** Our goal is to have final details about camp and theater available on Monday May 11th at www.sacorec.com.
- **Enrollment:** enrollment expected to open Thursday May 14th.
 - **Weekly K-8 camp fee:** \$125.00
 - **Weekly theater academy fee:** \$200.00
- **Limited enrollment:** Program enrollment for camps and theater will be limited in compliance with all group gathering restrictions during camp dates.
- **K-8 camps are expected to follow this timeline for enrollment:**
 - **Thursday May 14th-Thursday May 21st:** open to anyone registering for ALL WEEKS of camp; 2 week minimum payment due at enrollment.
 - **Friday May 22nd:** any remaining weeks will be available for residents to register, choosing which weeks they wish to attend.
 - **Monday June 1st:** any remaining weeks will be available for anyone to register.
- **Theater enrollment** will be first come, first serve until weeks fill.
- **Fee Waiver application for Saco Residents:** the 2020-2021 application is now available at www.sacorec.com under “Department Info” – you may mail completed applications and documentation to Saco Community Center: 75 Franklin St., Saco, ME 04072. FMI: rsommer@sacomaine.org.
 - *We will consider fee waivers for theater academies this season.*
- **Camp and Theater Start Date:** Monday July 6th
- **K-8 camps:** Camp format will be primarily on-camp with daily activities, on-camp events and performances, and if safety allows, the addition of some local, nature-based trips towards the end of the season.
- **Theater Academies:** In consideration of group gathering restrictions, we are unable to hold performances this season and in lieu of that style of camp, we will be offering weekly themed camps focused on performing arts activities similar to our annual Harry Potter camps. These will be great opportunities for participants to be creative and develop theater skills. Please stay tuned for details via email.

While we may not be able to offer programs in the same manner as we have in the past, we are confident that we will be able to offer affordable and safe programs for working families. We realize that this summer will look different with new protocols to adopt. We also understand that some of the information outlined here may generate more questions for our parents; we appreciate your patience as we finalize details. Right now there are still many areas we are exploring to ensure that camp can operate in a safe manner for participants and staff, and provide a great summer experience. We promise that we will continue to update our families as information is available, with a goal of weekly updates leading up to registration and camp.

Thank you as always for your support of our programs and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sincerely,
Ryan Sommer, Saco Parks and Recreation Director