

.Spring 2021



To Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for signing up for our *Safety Village, Camp Kidzone, and/or Camp Hamp* program for **Summer 2021**. As we put together the more formal “Parent Packet” that our campers families usually receive, here is some information to get you started.

We operate as a certified camp! But what does that mean? The Northampton Parks & Recreation department follows and meets the Minimum Standards for Recreational Camps for Children. These are regulatory standards set up by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. We are certified by our local board of health in Northampton. So we will be following the guidelines set by our local and state guidance in addition to COVID protocol. As we move forward, these guidelines may change.

We are teaming up with CampDocs! We are excited to announce this partnership because CampDocs will be helping us with those important and mandatory health documents and will be a place to collect important information we need to have a successful summer. We are still in the process of setting this up and all registered participants will receive an email with more information on how to access that CampDocs account. CampDocs will be where you will submit your campers current physical and immunization record, as well as important documentation if your camper has an epi-pen or inhaler. There will also be a place to submit answers for questions that we normally ask during the registration process.

Keep group size small at Camp this summer! We will be following all the standards and guidelines set by the board of health this summer. And when it comes to camp groups we will be limiting group sizes. In Safety Village that will be about an average of 10 campers in a group. In Camp Kidzone groups will be on average 12 campers with 2 staff. Camp Hamp will keep a 1:10 ratio of staff to campers, as per the regulations. All these camps will take more campers for registration, but will be operating in small groups. Camps might have a partner group they can team up with during the week to form their *cohort* group, the cohort group will stay at 25 campers and below (per the current orders).

More information to come! Like stated above there is still more information to come that will contain COVID safety protocol, procedures on our day to day operations (like drop off and pick up), and what your camper can expect during the week; such as field trips, special events, entertainers, & more!

More camp information, other programs, and special events can always be found on our website: www.northamptonma.gov/recreation

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office
at 413-587-1040 or email recreation@northamptonma.gov