

RHCC DAY CAMP

As we all know, the year 2020 has been anything but normal. Our 2020 camp season was also different as we adapted to the new realities of operating camp during a pandemic! Our journey to Summer Camp 2020 was a bit different than in usual years, although it started out the same. Plans for the summer were gaining momentum as we headed into March, with our Senior Staff in place, and most of our Counsellors hired.

Then, came the shutdown and we wondered whether camp would be allowed to operate. If we would be allowed, we would surely have to rethink and reconstruct some of our well-established traditions that have existed for the better part of 28 wonderful seasons.

With the strong support of ownership at the Richmond Hill Country Club, and the go-ahead provided by the Ontario government, day camps got the green light to open in late May.

Planning for the summer usually takes months and months of preparation.

Now we had six weeks to work with our local Public Health unit and establish protocols that would ensure a safe and fun summer for our campers.

While we knew that safety protocols would dictate our response to operating camp during a pandemic, we found out very quickly that this meant some changes to our camp operations but not to the overall experience that camp has to offer.

We implemented protocols such as screening campers each day, lowering the number of camper spots available and changing and introducing new and exciting programs to our line-up. We conscientiously made the decision to lower our enrollment to ensure that our campers received the personalized attention to detail that families should expect from camp.

When we opened our doors for our 29th season, we rebranded our camp, lead by new quality hiring practices, reimagined camp spaces, activities focused on quality, fun and personalized attention, nutritious and high quality snacks and lunch you would expect from a Country Club, and all the while ensuring the highest standards of safety. Word quickly spread about the awesome experience our campers were having and within a few days, our second and third sessions of camp sold out. Not long after, our final session sold out, capping a tremendous, sold out summer. The testimonials we received from families blew even our expectations out of the water.

As we reflect back on Summer 2020, we are reminded of the amazing experiences our campers had, at a time when camp was needed the most for children! We are also extremely proud that we operated a sold out, eight week camp program without a single case of COVID! We don't remember the stress and uncertainty that lead up to camp. We remember how campers, staff and families rallied together to create a safe and fun atmosphere in the middle of a global pandemic.

We know the realities of this global pandemic are still evolving every day. We also realize that unfortunately, there is no short-term fix that will end this pandemic tomorrow. We face the reality that Summer 2021 likely will include many protocols that we adopted in 2020 that ensured a safe and fun camp season.

We look forward to welcoming you (back) in Summer 2021. Come discover the Country Club difference by registering today and securing your spot for our upcoming season!

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