



SUMMER CAMPS 2021

Our Mission: The Tompkins County Youth Services Department invests time, resources and funding in communities to enable all youth to thrive in school, work and life.

Who is the Youth Services Department?

Planning & Coordination

Things we do here:

- Provide free monthly training to Youth Development Professionals
- Run-away and Homeless Youth (RHY)
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
- Host, facilitate, and provide Technical Assistance for a variety County-Wide discussions and initiatives that better the lives of local youth

Agency

Funders and stewards of local dollars and State Aid that are provided to local organizations:

- Ithaca Youth Bureau
- Learning Web
- Daycare Council
- Cornell Cooperative Extension

Municipal

We oversee and provide technical assistance for the different Municipal Youth Commissions and Community Councils:

- Monthly Meetings
- Work with the Rural Youth Services at Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide youth development programming opportunities.

Decoding Summer Camps

- There is a difference between “camps” and programs, workshops, or classes.
- Official camps must be registered with the New York State Health Department and meet specific criteria.
- Some programs may be registered as a school-age childcare program through the Child Development Council but still call themselves camps. They must also meet similar criteria.
- Some youth programming does not meet the criteria needed to be registered with either of these agencies, but still should be following best practices and Covid19 Safety Protocols.

The Covid19 Impact

Summer 2020

- Seven (7) of the 35 Camps that are regulated by the Tompkins County Health Department operated.
- In 2020, two (2) number of the camps registered with council Childcare Development operated.

Summer2021

- Approximately 30 of the 35 camps registered with the Tompkins County Health Department are expected to run.
- In 2021, a larger number of camps registered with the Childcare Development Council are expected to operated.

The COVID19 SILVER LINING

Summer Camps 2021: Things to look for

- All types of summer youth programming should be conveying to youth and their families their operating plans under the Covid19 health and safety protocols.
 - Pick Up/Drop Off Procedures
 - Social Distancing Policy
 - Mask Mandates
 - POD Sizes
 - Transportation protocols, if field trips are being taken.
- If you are not getting this information, it is a really good idea to check in with the Program Director or the adult in charge to get this information before sending your youth.

Summer Camps 2021: Things to know

- New York State Health Department has not released their 2021 Covid19 Health and Safety Guidelines.
- This means that camps are operating under the 2020 NYS Health Guidelines. For example, opening at 50% capacity.
 - If you have not registered yet for the camps, you want...you should.
 - Use the waitlist options for camps, if you are told they are currently filled.
- Every youth programming professional has been planning for the last year to open in 2021, and they are working hard to negate and ease your concerns about having your youth in camp...the single most important take-a-way I can give you is **COMMUNICATION!**

Thank you for your time today!

- The TCYSD's 2021 Summer Camp Guide:
<https://tompkinscountyny.gov/youth/summercamps>
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