

WEST COAST KIDS CANCER FOUNDATION

WCK City Camp 2022

- Partner with a local School District
- They provide the school space for free to us (within 5 minutes of the hospital)
- 3 week work experience course for grade 10/11 (16+) to volunteer
 - 1 week training (done by schools) + WCK training
 - o 2 weeks facilitate programming along side summer staff
- 3 summer contracts:
 - City Camp Program Supervisor
 - Virtual Camp Team Lead
 - Musician in Residence
- Community Volunteers
- Internships
 - Art Intern to do placement and facilitate the Art programming

<u>WCK Mission</u>: Deliver timely, practical support to respond to the needs of BC kids and their families, easing their way as they navigate childhood cancer and blood disorders.

Meals

• Did you change how you offered meals last year/will you make changes? Do you offer buffet style? Family style? Are you eating meals mostly outdoors?

2019 Day Camp

- Morning snack
- Lunch

Afternoon snack

2021 - 2 hr park plays

- individual snacks they left with at end of park play
- Available if anyone needed it (go sit in specific spot / sanantize)

2022 - Day Camp

- Thinking Kids bring their own lunches
- WCK to provide individual snacks
- Eating: outside, gym, or distanced in classrooms

Communication/Staff Training

- How are you communicating your policies to families, campers, and staff?
 - Welcome info Pack to registered Families
 - Specific Staff Info pack & Training
- Do you find yourself needing to communicate more frequently?
 - No
- Did you/will you try anything new (i.e. parent Zoom informational sessions)?



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- o Based on family interest we will offer a zoom info session
- We will also use zoom to review our FAQ's / Policies / Covid updates
- Do you find that parents/staff understand the policies?
 - More so than the general public! They have been practicing these protocols before covid existed
- Have you done Zoom staff training sessions?
 - We run a Virtual connection program year round and online training is our go-to and has been really successful.
 - For Camp we are running in-person alongside virtual camp. So there is a in person & online training process

Cohorting

- Did you cohort last year/will you this year?
- What did those cohorts look like?
 - o Park Plays 2 hrs. Groups of 10
 - Volunteers stuck with same group
 - 2022 utilize Provincial guidelines, local camping association guidelines, <u>School Board</u> guidelines, and WCK Medical team advisory guidelines.
- How did activities change to allow for cohorting?
 - Age groups worked out well providing choice with clear boundaries around not moving into a different cohort
 - Buddy system with Volunteers (helps provide alternative activities)
 - o Any bigger group we added more space to spread out
 - Field / covered area with individual desks

Communication Platforms:

- Slack
 - Volunteer group channel based on program volunteering in
 - individual groups channels based on what they facilitate
- Airtable: To track & Hold data
- <u>Loom</u>: Going to start using to film videos to walk through training manuals, policies, procedures, filling out forms.

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