

The Children's Gym Summer 2020 Update

Hi Families,

I hope you all are staying well and healthy during these unique times. As summer is approaching, I wanted to update everyone on the plans TCG is working on. When my mom started the gym over 36 years ago it was her goal to provide a safe and welcoming space that children thrive in and that families value. Today nothing has changed, those things remain my goals as I look at ways that we can safely reopen to provide some level of normalcy to our students and value for our families.

Under Governor Brown's reopening guidelines, summer camps are able to resume at this time so long as they follow strict safety and health guidelines. We have been reviewing all provided information from local health authorities and the CDC to ensure we provide a safe environment for our students, parents, and staff. Below you will find detailed information regarding what summer will look like at TCG. **At this time, we are only planning for the first 6 weeks of summer, through July 25th.** Since this situation is ever changing, we will continue to monitor, and assess our offerings and reopening plan. As summer progresses, we will address the final weeks of summer services.

SUMMER CAMPS

TCG will be offering summer camps. Camps will look different than typical sports camps in order to abide by physical distancing, sanitizing, and other health guidelines. To ensure everyone's safety, the below policies and steps will be put into place.

- Summer camp will be for children ages 5-12 years. We will be eliminating our younger age group of 3- and 4- year-olds for now to make sure physical distancing can be maintained. Total camp enrollment numbers will be lowered to provide maximum physical distancing.
- Parents will not be allowed into the facility to lessen exposure.
- Campers will be organized into "stable cohorts" meaning the same children and staff will work together all week. Children and staff will not switch between groups. Cohorts will consist of 8-10 children and 2 TCG staff members.
- Campers will be led through physical activities (without any physical contact with staff or fellow campers), crafts, games, educational activities, and more to ensure a safe, enriching, and fun filled day for all.
- Supplies and areas within the facility will not be shared between cohorts. In addition, campers will also have their own specific supplies for the week to limit sharing as much as possible. If supplies are shared between campers, they will be disinfected in between each use.
- TCG staff members will wear masks at all times.
- Campers can wear masks if parents like. Children must be able to put their mask on and take it off independently.
- TCG staff will have their temperature checked upon arrival at the facility. Any staff member who is or has been sick will not report to work until safe to do so.

- Outside activities will be utilized as much as possible.
- TCG will have 2 staff members assigned weekly as sanitizers. They will clean and sanitize all high touch areas, bathrooms, and the overall facility throughout the day, ensuring the facility is as clean at the end of the day as it is at the beginning. In addition, our regular professional cleaning crew will clean and disinfect the entire facility every night.
- Check in and check out procedures will be staggered. Families will receive their child's cohort group and assigned check in and check out time windows. TCG will conduct temperature checks on all campers upon arrival. Children who are ill or present a fever will not be allowed to attend.
- If a child becomes ill during the day they will be isolated from others and parents will be instructed to come pick up their child.
- The gym has been redesigned to allow for maximum open space. This will allow cohorts to be spread far from one another and children to be physically distanced within their own cohort.
- A one-way path will surround the facility making it possible for children to get to restrooms or other areas without crossing paths with others.
- Spots will be marked throughout the facility to ensure social distancing is always maintained.
- Extended care hours will be limited (8:30am-4:00pm) due to scheduling staff and maintaining stable cohorts. Regular camp hours are 9:00am-3:00pm. Staggered check in and check out times will be utilized to accommodate extended care enrollments to the best of our ability. Should a family need extended care outside of the adjusted window they should contact TCG for individual accommodations.

What does this mean for you?

- All campers age 5-12 enrolled in Sports camp will be automatically enrolled into this new camp.
- Campers enrolled in a specialty camp (LIT, Performance Camp, and TCG Squad Camp) will have the option to transfer their enrollment into the new camp if space is available. Each specialty camp will be contacted directly next week regarding their enrollment.
- Campers enrolled in the 3 & 4 age group will not be enrolled into camp. Students will be auto enrolled into our online summer camp platform (see below for more details). Credits will be applied to accounts to apply to online camp and any future service.
- Previous friend requests or other notes you indicated during enrollment will be transferred over and we will do our best to accommodate.
- Camps will begin the week of June 15th. The two-day camp scheduled for June 11 & 12 will not be held and credits will be applied to accounts enrolled those days.
- If your child is enrolled in only select days of the week and you would like to enroll for the full week, please let us know. As we are holding camps with stable cohorts spots will effectively be held for your child the full week. Tuition adjustments may apply.

SUMMER CLASSES

At this time TCG is not able to conduct summer classes under the current reopening phase of Multnomah county. While we are unable to hold summer classes in person, virtual classes will be available to students. Students enrolled in summer classes will be able to enroll in any Live Zoom Class offered. Tuition paid towards the first 6 weeks of summer classes will be applied to the Live Zoom class fee. In addition, students who are enrolled in summer classes can access the TCG online Summer Camp platform (more info below) at a discounted rate. Should classes not resume at all during summer, the remainder of class tuition will be credited.

Please note that we will not be offering Live Zoom Roli Polie classes. Students enrolled in a Summer Roli Polie class will have their class tuition credited to their account for the first 6 weeks, or in full, in the case that classes are unable to resume safely.

ONLINE SUMMER CAMP PLATFORM

TCG staff has been hard at work creating an online summer camp. We know not everyone will be able to attend camp in person and we know parents have been hard at work being employees, parents, and teachers these past couple of months. Our online summer camp will provide families with a large variety of activities to keep their kiddos busy while at home. Virtual Camps will include gymnastics lessons, physical activities, arts and craft, hobbies, educational lessons, games, and more. Information will be provided via videos and handouts.

Families can subscribe to our online camp for a monthly fee (TBD). Content will be appropriate for a variety of ages.

IN CLOSING

I would like to thank each and every family for their continued support over the last 36 years and especially these last few months. These times have been challenging and full of ups and downs, however I have been so touched by the generosity and kindness of this community. While I know some of these summer offerings might not be the most ideal or right fit for everyone, I am confident that the work TCG will put out for our families both in person and virtually will be the same high quality you have always expected from us.

Each TCG staff member loves what they do and truly misses working with every student. They come into TCG every day not just because of their passion for gymnastics but for their love of working with children. It is a unique level of care and understanding of children I look for in each applicant. The gym started in my family and is an extension of it. My family would not be complete without every TCG staff member and client. To the best of my ability I want to continue to provide for my 24 employees during these challenging times. As a small business, having our doors closed has made that difficult but we have been creative and thoughtful during this process.

I humbly ask that if our summer programs are not the right fit for your family, you consider leaving previously paid tuition as a credit on your account for future use. If you are not in a position to do so, please reach out to our front office. As we weather this storm together, I promise to continue to push through so TCG is stronger and better than ever on the other side.

We are in this together and stronger together.

With much gratitude,
Andrea Lawrence
Chief Operating Officer

