



Grand Island Recreation Department



Recreation Program Updates and COVID-19 Mandate Updates As of 5-6-2021

Program Updates

Youth Programs

Youth program registration will open to residents only on Wednesday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m. Registration can be done online or over the phone. If you need to register in person you must schedule an appointment. Registration will open for the following programs:

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| Come and Create | Nature Program |
| Fishing Club | Outdoor Fitness Fun |
| Golf | Sports Craze |
| Let's Perform | Tennis |
| Hockey | Toddle Soccer |

Registration for swim lessons will open as soon as we have confirmation on facility availability of the high school pool.

Our August Adventures and Junior Staff in Training programs will be significantly affected by changes in mandates. The programs will run, but the extent of the program and the cost will change significantly based on what we can do. Registration for these two programs will open on the following dates:

Junior Staff in Training – on or before June 23
August Adventures – on or before July 14

New programs and additions for this year include:

All programs – participant numbers increased according to mandates
Come and Create – additional sessions added
Outdoor Fitness Fun – additional sessions added
Hockey – 3 on 3 youth hockey league

Adult Programs

Softball leagues will begin play the week of May 10.
Soccer league registration is open; deadline to register a team is May 10.
Details for the golf league and pickleball program will be release when they are available.

Special Events

Tuesday Night Concerts are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Dick Bessel Independence Day Run and 4th of July Parade – we are planning as if they will happen as normal. A final decision will be made in the next few weeks. **Please note, if the event runs it will be on Saturday, July 3.**

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Covid-19 Updates

The Grand Island Recreation Department has made the following changes to programs in accordance with NYS DOH and CDC guidelines. The changes below are the major changes made, but the list is not all inclusive. All NYS DOH guidelines and CDC guidelines that must be followed can be found at:

New York State Links: <https://www.ny.gov/> ; <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

CDC Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

The major changes for youth programs are:

- Participants must follow all NYS DOH and CDC mandates
- Daily screening –parents / guardians must complete and sign a daily health screening form. Failure to do so will result in participant not being allowed in the program. Please allow extra time at drop off to complete the health screening process.
- Limited guest interaction at programs. There will be specific drop off points that only participants can proceed through.
- Youth programs are open to residents only.
- Credit card payment is preferred for the convenience and safety of our participants. If you must pay by cash or check please contact the Recreation Office to schedule an appointment.
- Group sizes are limited according to the mandates. Group sizes will be determined based on the activity and building or area capacity.
- Face coverings must be worn whenever social distancing of 6 ft. or more cannot be maintained. However, as per interim guidance for sports and recreation, this must be followed “unless players are unable to tolerate a face covering for the physical activity (e.g. practicing or playing)...”

**Please note that this mandate, as with the rest of the mandates, are changing rapidly. We will update accordingly. When there is discrepancy, we will err on the side of safety for participants and staff.

- Sunscreen must be applied to participant before arrival. If a participant needs help with sunscreen during the program it must be provided by the participant’s parent / guardian and must be a spray on sunscreen.
- Age groups and size limits will be strictly enforced. We cannot exceed mandated group sizes.



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The major changes for adult programs are:

- Participants must follow all NYS DOH and CDC mandates
- COVID-19 specific language has been added to the participant waiver. Please read carefully before signing.
- Face coverings must be worn whenever social distancing of 6 ft. or more cannot be maintained. However, as per interim guidance for sports and recreation, this must be followed “unless players are unable to tolerate a face covering for the physical activity (e.g. practicing or playing)...”