



CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

UPDATE SUMMER CARE

May 22, 2020

To the Middletown community:

We wanted to provide important updates on our summer programming in light of new guidelines released by the Office of Early Childhood.

Kids Arts/The Children's Circus will not be holding their live in person 5-week summer enrichment camp for 2020. However, to compliment your summer fun, our artistic staff is cooking up for you a super exciting virtually interactive programming at no cost for interested participants ages 5-15! In the weeks to come, the schedule of our virtual summer enrichment program and registration will be made available at <http://www.middletownct.gov/296/Kids-Arts-Summer-Camps> The Arts and Culture Office will be in contact with currently registered families who will receive refund of payment for registration costs by June 30th. We look forward to seeing everyone next summer when Circus can offer the interactive instruction that is expected for this performance based camp.

The Recreation Department will offer a significantly modified program to provide care for those families that need it. This program is being provided to allow families that must work outside the home and do not have alternative options for childcare. Specifically:

- The program will run Monday – Friday from 8am to 4pm.
- There will be no transportation provided.
- Participants will remain on site all day and stay within the same group; groups will not be allowed to intermingle. We will spend significant time outdoors.
- Participants will be screened each morning and afternoon including temperature taking.
- When registering, families will be required to sign an acknowledgement of the risks of COVID-19.
- Registration is open at: <http://www.middletownct.gov/recreation>

We remain committed to families. We are making decisions and setting guidelines based on the requirements set forth by the Office of Early Childhood. The safety of our participants and staff are paramount.

Sincerely,

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