

We are excited to have the opportunity to welcome our campers and their families to Come Back to Sweeney for some very special events this summer! Throughout the difficulties of the past few months, the Sweeney Family has demonstrated what it means to be Sweeney Strong, supporting each other through one of the greatest challenges that we as a community have had to face. As we plan events to allow campers and families to return for a few of their favorite Sweeney activities, we ask that you continue to support each other by following a few guidelines to minimize risk and help keep everyone safe this summer.

As of May 31st, summer camps in Texas are permitted to operate within the restrictions set out by the Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services. We recognize that as the situation continues to evolve, we need to remain flexible, and all events are contingent upon the recommendations of the CDC. We appreciate your understanding.

There are many things that you can do both before and during your trip to Sweeney to help keep members of our family safe. Our recommendations are as follows:

Before your trip to Sweeney:

1. **Social Distancing:** We can all help stop the spread of COVID-19 by limiting our exposure. While many businesses across the state are reopening, we ask that you take extra care to minimize your contacts in the 14 days prior to the event.
2. **Personal Protection:** The CDC currently recommends cloth face coverings over both the nose and mouth to minimize transmission of COVID-19, especially at times that physical distancing may be difficult.
3. **Symptoms:** Please be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19 infection or any other illness. If you or any member of your family is not feeling well leading up to the event, please call our Main Office. We would be happy to refund your registration fee, or give you priority registration for an event later in the summer when you are feeling better.
4. **Contacts:** If you find out that you have come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please call our Main Office. We would be happy to refund your registration fee, or give you priority registration for an event later in the summer.
5. **Camper Expectations:** Events this summer will look different from what your children are used to. Please help us to give them the best experience possible by discussing these changes with them ahead of time. Campers may be asked to stay within small groups, to maintain greater physical distance from their friends, and engage in additional sanitization procedures. We believe that the best chance for these policies to be successful is for you to discuss them with your camper in advance, so they know what to expect and why we have these rules in place.

While at Sweeney:

1. Screening: When you arrive at Camp Sweeney the day of your event, all participants will be screened by having their temperatures taken before getting out of the car. If a temperature is greater than 100°F, you will be asked to pull to the side of the road to have your temperature retaken in 5 minutes. If temperature is still elevated, you will be asked to leave, and your registration fee will be refunded.
2. Social Distancing: Different regulations regarding social distancing will be in place for different events. Your family may be assigned to a small group, or may be asked to distance from those outside of your family. We will provide specific information regarding the policies in place for your event, and ask that you help us to ensure that these policies are followed by every member of your group.
3. Staggered Scheduling: In an effort to help campers have the best experience while maintaining social distancing, we may ask that you follow an assigned schedule to minimize congestion. We ask that you adhere to the times set forward on this schedule, or consult one of the Associate Program Directors if you require a change to your assigned time.
4. Hand Hygiene: Camp Sweeney will provide designated stations to make it convenient for you and your camper to practice hand hygiene throughout the day, without missing a minute of the F-U-N. We ask that you take advantage of these stations, especially before and after touching any shared items.
5. Personal Protective Equipment: In keeping with the recommendations of the CDC, we ask that all participants wear a cloth face covering over both the nose and mouth whenever possible.
6. Safety: It is our priority to ensure that these events remain safe while providing campers an opportunity to reconnect. Our designated Safety Officer will be on site ensuring that all protocols are being followed. The Safety Officer may remind you to follow one of the above listed protocols, or may ask you to alter your behavior in another way to minimize risk.
7. Compliance: Any participant unable to comply with these policies **will be asked to leave** the event in order to preserve the safety of the group. If you have any concerns regarding these policies, please reach out to our Main Office in advance.

After the Event:

We believe that, with the policies set forward and the current condition of COVID-19 in Texas, we can hold these events without significant risk of illness transmission. However, in the interest of safety and caution, we ask that you keep the following considerations in mind.

1. **Social Distancing:** Be aware that up to 100 people may be present at these events. Keep this exposure in mind when making plans to spend time with other family members and friends.
2. **Contact Tracing:** In the event that you or one of your close contacts tests positive for COVID-19 in the days following the event, please contact our Main Office. Your information will remain private, but providing information about potential exposure to other attendees may help them to keep their families safe.

Thank you for understanding and complying with the above stated policies. As always, the health and safety of our campers is our top priority, and it is only with everyone's help that we will be able to keep Sweeney a safe place for all members of our family this summer. If you have any questions regarding our commitment to safety, please do not hesitate to contact our Main Office. If you would like to know more about what the Sweeney Staff will be doing before, during, and after these events to ensure a safe environment, you can read more on the Event Safety Policy document.