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SUMMER 2021 OPERATIONS STATUS UPDATE GENERAL, SUMMER CAMPS, AQUATICS & PARKS

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KENT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION/KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER GENERAL: As is the case for many local employers and nationwide, KCPR is experiencing a significant staffing shortage for the summer season. As a result, there will be an impact to aquatics' facilities' openings and summer camp offerings. Additionally, in general we will continue to operate following CDC Guidelines as applicable. Questions or concerns should be directed to 410-778-1948 or info@KentParksAndRec.org during administrative business hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays). *Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding and please, be kind to staff.*

Most fee-based activities and services offered through KCPR is based on residency. KCPR reserves the right to require proof of identity-name, residency-address, and age. Patrons who do not provide proof if requested at the time of registration/admittance will be required to pay the non-resident rate. For more information on general registration policies and proof of residency, identity, and age (page 2) click: <http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Registration%20Policies.pdf>.

KCCC BUILDING HOURS: Spring/Summer hours from May 1st - October 31st are 8:30 am - 6 pm, Monday through Saturday. KCCC main building is closed on Sunday.

KCPR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & BUSINESS HOURS / QUESTIONS & CONCERNS: The KCPR administrative office is located at KCCC (11041 Worton Rd, Worton, MD). Administrative staff are generally available during business hours from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) by calling 410-778-1948 or by emailing info@KentParksAndRec.org. We strive to respond to phone and email messages on the same day received whenever possible and no more than one business day.

WEEKEND SUPPORT STAFF: Weekend Facility Monitors on duty at KCCC on Saturdays are not full-time administrative staff and may not be able to answer all questions. In many cases, it may be necessary for staff to forward questions and contact information to administrative staff who will respond to inquiries during weekday business hours (unless for emergency situations which will be replied to as quickly as possible). *Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding and please, be kind to staff on duty.*

APPOINTMENTS/RESERVATIONS NO LONGER REQUIRED: Appointments and reservations are no longer required to visit KCCC. A face covering is **recommended** for patrons who are **not fully vaccinated or do not live in the same household.**

FITNESS ROOM/EQUIPMENT & COMPUTER FACILITY USE: The Fitness Room and Computer Facility are available for use on a first come first serve basis and no longer require reserved use. In addition to cardio equipment, all other equipment will be available for use, including body bars, fitness balls, hand weights, mats and more.

KCCC LOBBY GAMES/GAME TABLES: Lobby games and game tables are not available for use until further notice.

LIMITED HALF GYM RESERVATIONS FOR FACILITY ACCESS CARD HOLDERS (SUMMER 2021): As we transition back to program and activity offerings for what we hope is the tail end of COVID now that vaccination clinics are no longer scheduled at KCCC as of May 28th, summer months' (*June, July and August*) **activities will consist of a soft reopening of the building which will not include a recurring schedule of programs & activities inside KCCC.**

Reserved and drop-in use is subject to cancellation and availability as outlined in the following policies and procedures.

HALF GYM RESERVATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

- ✚ Reservations are accepted on a first come first serve basis by phone (410-778-1948) or email (info@KentParksAndRec.org) during administrative business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, excluding holidays) each Friday for the upcoming week (Monday – Saturday) as well as within the current Monday – Friday reservation period.
- ✚ A valid FAC is required to make a reservation (confirmed by staff at time reservation is made) **and** to participate in/attend a reservation.
- *Only one FAC holder is required to make a reservation for all participants/attendees.*

- *Each FAC holder is required to scan in at the front desk before participation/attendance.*
- ✚ Pre-determined time slots for a maximum of two hours are permitted as listed below:
 - *8:45 am -10:45 am; 11 am -1 pm, 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm and 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm*
- ✚ A delayed start time or early end time forfeits unused time. A reservation will not be extended due to a delayed start and will not be permitted beyond the scheduled end time.
- ✚ The maximum number of participants/attendees per reservation is twelve people.
- ✚ To ensure equitable access and enjoyment for all FAC holders:
 - *Full gym reservations prohibited.*
 - *A FAC holder may not reserve consecutive time slots.*
 - *A FAC holder who participates during a reservation is prohibited from reserving a time slot that is consecutive to the time slot in which he/she is a participant/attendee.*
- ✚ Except for use of the Computer Facility (part of Kent County Public Library free services) and restroom facilities, a FAC is required of all patrons ages twelve and older to utilize any other KCCC amenities if remaining in the building after a reservation.
- ✚ Except as prohibited/noted below, guests of FAC holders (under the age of twelve who are not eligible to purchase a FAC) must be accompanied by and always supervised by a responsible FAC holder who is at least sixteen years of age (i.e., FAC holder in gym, guests must be in gym; FAC in lobby, guests must be in lobby; FAC holder in kids room, guests must be in kids room, etc.). *Examples are illustrative only and do not represent all scenarios that apply.*
- *Guests of FAC holders who are under the age of twelve are not permitted to enter the Fitness Room under any circumstances. Fitness Room users/entrants must have a FAC (a patron must be at least twelve years of age to purchase a FAC) - NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE DON'T ASK.*
- *A maximum of five guests under the age of twelve are permitted per FAC holder.*
- *FAC holders are responsible for ensuring guest(s) follow all policies and procedures.*
- ✚ When making a reservation, the information listed below must be provided:
 - *FAC holder name, FAC holder number, FAC holder phone number, FAC holder email address*
 - *Name of activity, equipment requested to be used (i.e., pickleball net(s)/balls, ping pong table/paddles/balls, volleyball net/ball, soccer ball/goal(s), etc.)*
- ✚ *FAC holder/equipment users are responsible for set up and break down of applicable equipment* (i.e., pickleball nets, tennis net, volleyball net, batting cage; etc.)
- ✚ Equipment use is limited to equipment requested/assigned for the reservation.
- ✚ Equipment used (if applicable) is required to be cleaned/disinfected by equipment users at the end of the reservation. Cleaning supplies provided by KCPR. Fifteen minutes are allotted between each reservation for staff to inspect equipment and prepare for the next reservation.
- ✚ The gym will also be open for use on a drop-in basis for Facility Access Card holders pending availability when there is no reserved or other use.
- ✚ ALL gym use is subject to cancellation when one or more KCPR summer camp programs must relocate inside due to weather conditions (i.e., extreme heat, inclement weather - rain, thunder. lightning, soggy ground conditions at Worton Park, etc.), for emergencies or other unforeseen KCPR or County needs.
- ✚ No Show – No Call Policy: If a reservation is not cancelled at least one hour before the start of the reservation or if a FAC holder repeatedly cancels reservations, it will result in the FAC holder being prohibited from making future reservations.
- ✚ Face covering is **recommended** for participants/attendees who are not fully vaccinated or do not live in the same household.

KCCC FACILITY ACCESS CARD: For general Facility Access Card information/fees click <http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Benefits%20of%20FAC%20Poster.pdf>.

KENT COUNTY COOLING CENTER: During extreme heat days during the summer season (typically July/August), when activated, the Kent County Community Center (KCCC) Building will serve as one of the County's official cooling centers during its normal hours of operation. Information will be posted on the chalkboard on our home page at <http://www.kentparksandrec.org/index.php> and on our Facebook page (@KentCountyCommunityCenter) at <https://www.facebook.com/KentCountyCommunityCenter/> when cooling centers are recommended by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Normal policies and procedures apply for accessing the Community Center outside of cooling center days, including fees as applicable.

FALL 2021 – WINTER 2022 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES: Staff are currently working on the Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 (September through May) schedule of programs and activities which will include a recurring schedule of indoor programs and activities at KCCC. The schedule is anticipated to be available beginning the week of August 9th.

RAINOUT LINE WEATHER AND INFORMATION ALERT NOTIFICATIONS: Rainout Line is used to provide notifications to the public for weather closures/cancellations for the Kent County Community Center (KCCC), Parks & Recreation/Office (KCPR), swimming pools, parks, athletic fields/ball diamonds, events and more (not just for the weather)! The *Rainout Line platform pushes updates out via *text message, email, Facebook and our website.* An app is available to download on smart devices and a call-in *hotline (410-429-1401)* is also available. **Text message alerts are limited to 140 characters so the full message may not be displayed, and another method must be used to see the full alert.* Staff will make updates with a simple click of a button and add additional information as needed that is location specific (pool, park, field, ball diamond, KCCC or general info about KCPR). For more information about RAINOUT LINE and how to sign up to receive alerts, click

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Rainout%20Line%20Info%20Flyer.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3eGLY17dHzVduvmBmTRpTKk9Xia8oIKB6mYuHOrTJXm3nN8WjfeOCH3j4>. Notices are also posted on our social media page on Facebook so please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/KentCountyCommunityCenter>.

SWIMMING POOL COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED/STAFFING CAPACITY: We are pleased to announce that MD Department of Health COVID restrictions have been lifted for public swimming pools. Although this is great news, KCPR has a significant summer staffing shortage in numerous areas, including aquatics. The staffing shortage will impact facilities' openings/days of operation and program/activity offerings. The operating schedule is subject to change without advance notice although we will strive to provide as much notice as possible for any changes. *Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding and please, be kind to staff on duty.*

~KCCC POOL: **OPEN** Beginning Memorial Day Weekend (May 29th - May 31st)

🏊 *Night Swim, Aqua Fitness, Youth and Adult Swim Lessons:* **CLOSED**

~BAYSIDE POOL: **CLOSED**

~MILLINGTON POOL: **CLOSED**

~*BETTERTON BEACH: **OPEN** ~ **NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY - SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK**

~*STILL POND STATION PARK BEACH: **OPEN** ~ **NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY - SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK**

**Please see info about beach use rules under County Parks section of this announcement.*

- KCCC POOL will open for the season beginning Saturday, May 29th and will be open weekends only (including Memorial Day) through June 20th
- Pool hours are 12 pm - 7 pm and depending on **weather
***Please see Rainout Line, delayed openings, early closings and other closing info in applicable sections below*
- Beginning June 22nd, KCCC Pool will begin daily operations and will be open Tuesday through Sunday. The pool will be closed to the public each Monday
- Beginning August 16th through Labor Day, pool hours will be modified to 12 pm – 5 pm on weekdays (Tuesday – Friday). Weekend hours will continue from 12 pm -7 pm
- Due to low staffing levels, maximum entry capacity will be 250 people, however capacity is subject to change and may result in lower entry capacity as needed
- Due to staffing levels and capacity limitations, group reservations and exclusive use rentals cannot be accommodated; Groups are defined as 15 people or greater in size; Please call or email for info about eligibility and discounted daily admission rates for Community Recognition Groups; Admission is based on entry capacity availability and is on a first come first serve basis
- ***Pre-COVID policies that permitted toys in the Kiddie/Wading pool at management's discretion will not be accommodated. NO TOYS, FLOATS, FLOAT RINGS OR OTHER FLOATABLE DEVICES PERMITTED INSIDE POOL GATES - NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.***
- US Coast Guard approved life vests permitted. Non-US Coast Guard approved swimmies/puddle jumpers will only be permitted for children ages 5 and under and only when in the Kiddie/Wading Pool. ***NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.***

ADMISSION/ENTRY/RE-ENTRY: An entry fee is required to enter beyond the pool gates and is required of all patrons over the age of two. A **water-proof wrist band will be issued and must be worn during the**

entire visit. The band must not be removed prior to final exit/departure for the day and will be required to be shown for re-entry. NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

REFUNDS: Please retain your receipt for entry. Refunds shall only be issued if the pool is closed within thirty minutes of an entry. Payment receipt must be presented otherwise no refund shall be issued. **NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.**

DAILY ADMISSION FEES:

- ~\$5 with Facility Access Card
- ~\$7 without Facility Access Card
- ~Under age 2 FREE
- ❖ FAC fees based on residency AND age. For information on FAC fees click <http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Benefits%20of%20FAC%20Poster.pdf>

Proof of residency requirements are followed for the initial purchase of the FAC. Daily pool admission fees are not based on residency.

***SEASON PASS FEES:**

- Resident: Individual - \$80; Family of 4 - \$240; Each additional family member - \$30
- Non-Resident: Individual - \$95; Family of 4 - \$290; Each additional family member - \$35
- ❖ *Purchase of a Season Pass does not include priority for entry. Entry is first come first serve until capacity limits reached

KCCC POOL CONCESSION STAND: We are pleased to announce *Fil Ah Belly Depot* (a private vendor not affiliated with Parks & Recreation or Kent County Government) will operate the concession stand for the season. Menu items will be **reasonably priced and include choices such as pizza, burgers, hot dogs, subs, chicken wings, fried fish sandwich, chicken tenders, grilled cheese sandwich, fries, nachos, Italian Water Ice, assorted drinks and more.** Specials such as Taco Tuesday and Soul Food Sunday will be incorporated throughout the season as announced. All food service establishment licenses and permits have been issued by the Department of Health. ***The operation of the concession stand is independent of the Department of Parks & Recreation. *** Food may be brought inside pool gates but may not be in delivery containers and must not be in glass or other breakable containers. *** Please support the concession stand vendor when you can! They are excited to earn and retain your business.***

SWIMMING POOL RULES: For a portable document format (PDF) of the full listing of swimming pool policies and allowed / not allowed swim wear click <http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Swimming%20Pool%20Rules%20and%20Swim%20Wear%20KNOW%20BEFORE%20YOU%20GO%20FLYER.pdf>. ***Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding and please, be kind to staff on duty.***

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RAINOUT LINE WEATHER AND INFORMATION ALERT NOTIFICATIONS: Pool opening is dependent upon the weather. Delayed openings and closures are announced using our Rainout Line platform for notifications. Users must sign up to receive alerts. For information on our Rainout Line, signing up for alerts and how we make announcements for delayed opening, closures and other important information, click <http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Rainout%20Line%20Info%20Flyer.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3eGLY17dHzVduvmBmTRpTkk9Xia8oIKB6mYuHOrTJXm3nN8WjfeOCH3j4>. Notices are also posted on our social media page on Facebook so please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/KentCountyCommunityCenter>

GENERAL WEATHER, CLOSING, DELAYED OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

EARLY CLOSING: When lightning or thunder occurs after a facility is open for the day, swimming will not be permitted and pool facilities will immediately close. During thunder closures, patrons are permitted to

remain inside pool gates. During lightning closures, patrons will not be permitted to remain inside pool gates. The closure is considered temporary for thirty minutes until there is no reoccurrence of lightning or thunder. Each time there is a reoccurrence of one or both, the 30-minute temporary closure restarts. Heavy rainfall can also be cause for a closure. We do not generally post temporary closures of only 30 minutes, however, on a case-by-case basis, posts may be made more often depending on lightning/thunder reoccurrence frequency and circumstances of the weather.

DELAYED OPENING: Pool opening may be delayed due to weather conditions, for safety reasons or for emergencies. In the event the weather is not anticipated to improve in a relatively short period of time (generally 1-2 hours but this is not a firm time frame), there is the possibility of a full closure for the remainder of the day. **If a facility fully closes for the day, it will not reopen** (even if the weather improves later in the day). ***If a temporary weather closure occurs after 5:45 pm during daytime public swim, the pool facility will not reopen*** and will be closed for the remainder of the day.

OTHER CLOSING: KCPR is licensed to operate facilities following state of Maryland laws for public swimming pools and public beaches that include, but are not limited to, water chemistry and balance, water clarity, sanitization, fecal and vomit incidents, equipment operations, and more. When it is necessary to correct issues that arise, facilities may be closed or may close early without advance notice.

Other closings may also be necessary for safety or other reasons that include, but are not limited to, when the outside temperature is below 70 degrees, when extreme wind conditions exist, when there are fewer than 10 patrons present for an extended period (generally two hours or more), when there have been no patrons at a facility for more than one hour before the scheduled closing, unforeseen emergencies, etc. This list is not inclusive of all reasons a facility may be closed or may close early.

COUNTY PARK USE REGULATIONS: <http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Park%20Use%20Regulations.pdf>

STILL POND STATION PARK REGULATIONS (NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY – SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK):

Still Pond Station Park is currently *an undeveloped park with no bathroom facilities or trash cans*. As a trash-free park, patrons are required to bring their own trash bag and take trash with them after each visit. The facility has an extremely narrow shoreline with limited space to accommodate patrons. The County is making plans for developing the park in the future (picnic pavilion, playground, swings, restrooms and parking lot improvements). The boat ramp is for launching non-motorized watercrafts only and is not a public landing. The USCG operates as a seasonal USCG location from April to November and monitor waterways and grounds. The beach and grounds are also monitored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Works and Kent County Sheriff's Office.

BETTERTON BEACH PARK REGULATIONS (NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY – SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK):

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/BETTERTON%20BEACH%20RULES%20-%20KNOW%20BEFORE%20YOU%20GO%20-%20POSTER.pdf>

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding and please, be kind to staff.

KENT COUNTY BEACH ADVISORIES: The Kent County Department of Health, Environmental Health Services Division conducts regular water quality tests to determine bacterial levels. When bacterial levels exceed acceptable levels (do not meet State and Federal water quality criteria), *swimming in open water such as beaches is not recommended. Whenever possible, signage will be posted until the advisory is lifted. Water samples are generally collected and tested 48 hours after the initial sampling (Monday through Friday), however sampling is not conducted during periods of heavy rainfall or immediately following heavy rainfall. This could result in longer periods an advisory is in effect. After rainfall, individuals should exercise caution and avoid swimming/direct water contact for at least 48 hours due to predicted high bacterial levels.

For the most up to date beach advisory information visit <https://kenthd.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2020-Beach-Advisories-KCHD-Website.pdf> or contact the Kent County Department of Health, Environmental Health Services Department at 410-778-1361.

SPECIAL PARK USE PERMIT RENTAL APPLICATION:

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Rental%20Application%20-Special%20Park%20Use%20Rental%20Reservation%20Application.pdf>

PAVILION RENTAL APPLICATION: <http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Rental%20Application%20-%20Pavilion.pdf>

BALLFIELD & MULTI-PURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD RENTAL APPLICATION:

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Rental%20Application%20-%20Ballfield%20&%20Multi-Purpose%20Athletic%20Field.pdf>

FACILITY RENTAL BROCHURE:

[http://www.kentparksandrec.org/KCPR%20Facility%20Rental%20Brochure%20\(Pavilons,%20Pools%20&%20Fields\).pdf](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/KCPR%20Facility%20Rental%20Brochure%20(Pavilons,%20Pools%20&%20Fields).pdf)

SUMMER DAY CAMPS ~ JUNE 28th – AUGUST 20th: Summer camp is going to look a little different this year. We will not be traveling off-site for field trips and we will be in smaller groups, but camp is still going to be camp! We will still have usual activities like sports, rec games, crafts and pool time and in lieu of offsite trips we will have numerous guest speakers and specialty programs. Campers will focus on relationship and team building this summer through specific initiative activities. Campers will gain confidence, personal and life skills, and the camaraderie we have been missing this past year. We will be having special events in Worton Park or at the Community Center. Sassafra Environmental Education Center will join us multiple times at Day Camp, ShoreRivers will be offering a program day with Day Camp, Maryland Extension Service will be leading a nutrition activity each week with Youth in Action, Critter Connections will be bringing some animals for our Kiddie Camp, the magician Ran'D Shine seen on Penn and Tellers 'Fool Us' will present a full camp show, we will have giant inflatables at certain points throughout the summer, and of course we will have other special guests coming such as Captain Annie Richards (the Chester Riverkeeper), John Queen from the Bayside H.O.Y.A.S., mentors from Rising Sons and many other guests and speakers! We are so excited to have Campers return for summer fun and we look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION (VERY LIMITED OPENINGS REMAINING)

Our camp staffing levels have changed since our announcement to offer camps which has resulted in a reduced registration capacity for each program as noted below. A very limited number of openings are available and in some cases, only certain sessions have openings.

Register *Online, In Person, By Mail

- Kiddie Camp – Limited to 12 campers per weekly session ages 3 ½ - 5 years of age, Monday - Friday
- Day Camp – Limited to 28 campers per weekly session ages 6 - 9 years of age, Monday - Friday
- Youth In Action Camp – Limited to 10 campers per weekly session entering grades 5 - 6, Monday – Friday
- Leaders Club: PROGRAM WILL NOT BE OFFERED DUE TO UNMET MINIMUM STAFFING LEVEL

*Online registration requires automatic recurring payments for Kiddie Camp, Day Camp and Youth In Action Camp. Details outlining payment options, including online registration payment processing fees and recurring payments is included in the registration packet information links below.

CAMP REGISTRATION FORMS:

Kiddie Camp, Day Camp and Youth In Action:

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Summer%20Camp%20Registration%20Packet.pdf>

FEES:

Kiddie Camp/ Day Camp/ Youth In Action: \$85 per week/session (Resident) / \$102 per week/session (Non Resident)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS: For information on how to apply for a scholarship (Kent County residents only) click

[http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Scholarship%20Application%20&%20Guidelines%20\(Sept.%201-%20August%2031\).pdf](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Scholarship%20Application%20&%20Guidelines%20(Sept.%201-%20August%2031).pdf)

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