

Parents,

First of all, I would hope this finds all of our extended Buehler Challenger family well and in good spirits during this trying time.

We, here at the Buehler Challenger & Science Center, have been busy trying to salvage some version of our summer camp schedule and offer an educational and fun experience for our campers. Recently, the governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive order 149 announcing that summer camps can proceed as long as they follow the New Jersey COVID-19 Youth Summer Camp Standards developed by the Department of Health:

(https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/Youth_Day_Camps_Standards_COVID-19.pdf).

The staff of BCSC and I have spent many hours developing a plan based upon these standards to keep your children and our staff safe while experiencing a quite unique and educational camp. In fact, our goal is to go above and beyond those protocols outlined by the New Jersey COVID-19 Youth Summer Camp Standards. **Please see page 2 for new Safety Protocols.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BCSC'S REVISED IN-PERSON SUMMER CAMP 2020!

<u>Revised Week</u>	<u>Max capacity</u>	<u>Camp Name</u>	<u>Entering Grade</u>	<u>Cost</u>
July 13 only	15	Little Astronauts, 9am-11am	Pre-K4/K	\$60
July 14 only	15	Astronaut Adventure, 9am-1pm only	1-2	\$120
July 15-16	20	Astronaut Rookies, 2 days, 9am-3pm	3-4	\$275
July 20-24	16	Mega Camp, 9am-3 pm	5-6	\$650
July 27-31	16	Preparing for Flight, 9am-3pm	7-8	\$650
Aug 3 - 6	16	Product Engineering, (M-Th), 8:30-3:30pm	9-12	\$650

As mentioned previously, the schedule for our summer camp programs are newly revised. **Program details** can be found at www.bcsc.org. Enrollment for each of the camps is **limited** and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Don't miss out!**

FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS: Please email the following information to Debbie Zuckerman at dzuckerman@bcsc.org: Your full name, full home address & cell number, Camp Name, your child's full name and grade he/she will be entering in the fall. Debbie will contact you shortly by telephone for your credit card information to complete the registration.

IF YOU HAD PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED for the old summer camp dates: Please check the updated schedule & CONFIRM/CANCEL ASAP by emailing dzuckerman@bcsc.org that your child(ren) can/cannot attend the revised schedule for their grade. Your registration will have priority and the cost will remain the same.

Some of Buehler Challenger & Science Center's Safety Protocols updated as of June 15, 2020:

- All staff will be trained to recognize symptoms of COVID-19 prior to the start of camp on July 13.
- Each staff member and camper will be checked each day for fever and other symptoms before

entering the building. If any camper (or staff) shows any signs of COVID-19 they will not be admitted to the building and sent home immediately. These inspections will be conducted by trained staff visually and by using approved medical equipment such as infra-red thermometers.

- Camp staff will be wearing gloves and face coverings (PPE) throughout the day when in the presence of campers and other staff. (We've ordered special "NASA-logo" face coverings for all staff and campers!) In the event a camper loses or forgets their mask, an approved mask will be issued to them for that day.
- Maximum enrollment has been limited for each camp in order to maintain proper social distancing while working on their projects and in the simulators.
- We ask that all parents report any illnesses that may compromise the safety of other campers and staff.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout the building so that campers and staff can maintain a safe hygiene throughout the day.
- Simulators, equipment, and bathrooms will be sanitized throughout the day to maintain a safe environment for our campers and staff.
- Cleaning services have been contracted so that the building will undergo a complete sanitization each night in preparation for the following day's activities.
- The staff will be conscious of areas that are prone to congregation and be vigilant about disinfecting those sites after being used by staff and campers.
- Visitors (non-campers and staff) to the center will check in and out at an approved entry point and checked for symptoms of COVID-19. (Temperature check, visual inspection, and questioned)
- Gatherings, such as graduation, will be conducted outside of the building when weather permits. Social distancing will be encouraged during these gatherings.
- Proper protocol (as per New Jersey COVID-19 Youth Summer Camp Standards) will be practiced if a camper or staff shows any symptoms of COVID-19 during the daily activities.
- Our HVAC will be inspected prior to the start of camp on July 13.
- No one will be permitted access to the building after the close of each day and opening for the next day.
- Signs will be posted throughout the building encouraging campers and staff to social distance, wash and sanitize hands, and wear face coverings.

As you can see, we take all precautions very seriously and are concerned about the health and well-being of our campers and staff.

We hope, by taking all these precautions we have gained your confidence and you are willing to trust our staff to offer not only an excellent educational experience, but a safe environment where they can learn about science and space.

If you have any concerns about the camps, please do not hesitate to contact me at the center. Due to our limited access to the BCSC at this time, we will be at the center on Mondays and Wednesdays only. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible!

Sincerely,
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