

Dear Parent and Campers,

The number of children with life-threatening food allergies has increased substantially over the last number of years. Due to the serious nature of these allergies, we Wellesley Recreation is taking the following steps to ensure the safety of all campers.

Protecting a camper from exposure to offending allergens is the most important way to prevent anaphylaxis. Most anaphylactic reactions occur when a child is accidentally exposed to a substance to which they are allergic, such as foods, medicines, insects and latex. All camp staff members are certified in first aid and CPR.

We have implemented the following general policies to keep camp safe and fun for everyone. If there is a child with a life-threatening allergy attending camp, we will follow the required guidelines provided by the child's physician and parents.

**The following policies are currently being implemented. Please discuss them with your child prior to their arrival at camp.**

- ❑ **There will be no sharing of food.**
- ❑ **If you would like to bring in a snack, which will include campers other than your own, please have it approved by a Camp Director at least 24 hrs. before bringing it to camp.**
- ❑ **There will be hand washing before and after snacks, lunch etc.**

Thank you for working with the Wellesley Recreation Department in our efforts to provide a safe camp environment. If you have any questions or comments on this policy, please contact the Recreation Department at (781) 235 - 2370 or email [tkennedy@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:tkennedy@wellesleyma.gov)

Sincerely,

Tim Kennedy  
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