Camp Kids Are Kids Chicago (CKAKC) Virtual Camp Information

Interactive Activity Guidelines

CKAKC is taking reasonable measures to promote camper safety and include <u>only registered campers</u> in interactive virtual activities. We need your help with this.

- We ask that campers log in at least 5-10 minutes before activities to ensure that group activities can start on time. You will be invited in by the moderator when it is time to start and a check-in process may be involved, depending on the activity.
- Please have your child use their real name when logging in to the activity. The displayed name should be changed to reflect this.

Online Safety Tips for Camper Families

CKAKC takes your child's safety very seriously. As we kick off Virtual Camp, we want to share some online safety tips with you. Please remember that campers are in public the second they log on to the Internet. As an organization, CKAKC will do all we can to be vigilant by setting appropriate security parameters on our activities.

Here are a few things that you, as a family, <u>can teach your campers</u> to help protect their safety online:

- CKAKC staff and volunteers should contact campers only through our official channels (such as our company email or a Zoom meeting invitation) and vice versa.
- Follow the 'rule of three' online. An adult and a child should never be alone together.
- Immediately report it to a trusted adult if they ever receive threatening or inappropriate chat messages or emails.
- Share with care. When creating an online profile or account, limit what information is shared. Just because a website asks for your address doesn't mean you have to give your actual address. The same goes for photos. Also, think carefully about what information is shared in the virtual meeting itself. Other attendees could screenshot or record the meeting.

In addition to teaching your campers these tips, here are <u>some other things parents</u> can do:

- Double check your computer's security settings. Especially for younger campers, make sure they don't have access to other sites or apps beyond the camp-provided channel.
- Move computers out of bedrooms, as much as possible. This cuts down on potentially embarrassing situations.
- Create a virtual background or make sure your camper participates in a neutral location at home, such as in front of a blank wall. Having campers make their own backgrounds can also be a fun activity for your children, and is way more fun than showing the inside of the home behind each camper.

You can also check out these helpful resources for additional safety tips and information to keep your online programming safe for campers:

- [Organization for Social Media Safety](#)
- [Internet Safety Tips for Kids](#), a video from YMCA Camp Kitaki and Stomping Ground
- [The Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#)
- The National Institute of Standards and Technology's "[Preventing Eavesdropping and Protecting Privacy in Virtual Meetings](#)"
- [The Federal Trade Commission](#)