



2021-2022 Open Rec

Program Guidelines

A current Recreation ID Card and advance registration are required for participation in the Open Rec Program. **Children are required to have their ID Card with them when visiting the centers.**

The Open Rec program is not a Child Care program and is not licensed by the Pinellas County License Board.

The Pinellas Park Open Rec Before Care program provides supervised care before children go to school at both Broderick and Forbes Recreation Centers. The Centers provide transportation to ensure the children enrolled arrive to school on time. Transportation schedules vary per facility.

The Pinellas Park Recreation Open Rec After School program is a drop-in program only. Children attending the program are permitted to move freely among indoor and outdoor activities and are permitted to freely enter or leave the program, facility, or premises.

Children who are 5 years old must be enrolled in Kindergarten in order to participate.

Participants in the Open Rec program are required to sign themselves in and sign out when entering and leaving Recreation Centers.

Parents/guardians are solely responsible for transportation to and from the after school program and for any contractual arrangement they may choose to enter into for the purpose of transporting children. Pinellas Park Recreation provides morning transportation, for a fee, from Broderick and Forbes Rec Centers to specific local elementary and charter schools. The Youth Park Teen Center provides afternoon pickup from the local high and middle schools.

Pinellas Park Recreation Staff lead recreational activities and monitor indoor and outdoor areas that are open to children. Your child will not be assigned to a specific group or counselor.

Pinellas Park Recreation Staff are not permitted to administer any medications.

Pinellas Park Recreation Staff are unable to assist in the administration of behavior plans or other intensive guidance.

Pinellas Park Recreation discourages children from bringing valuables such as phones and electronic games to the Open Rec program. Use of these items will not be permitted without permission. Pinellas Park Recreation is not responsible for loss or theft of personal possessions brought to the facility.

Children visiting the Recreation Centers must comply with the Facility Rules of Use. Violations of the Facility Rules of Use may result in your child being asked to leave a specific room or activity, suspension from the program for a period of one or more days, or permanent suspension from the Open Rec program or from the facility.

Staff utilize progressive discipline practices when behavior issues arise. These include, verbal warnings, written documentation of incidents, removal from activities, suspensions, and expulsions if required.

Staff utilizes appropriate protocols to maintain a healthy and safe environment and work to ensure that all kids can remain healthy. Staff regularly clean and sanitize areas of the facility, and encourage proper hand washing. If children show any symptoms of illness, they will be isolated from activity and immediate pickup will be required.

Snack time takes place at 3 pm daily. Parents are to provide their child with a snack or money to purchase one from the vending machines. Staff are not responsible for lost or misplaced money.

Children in the program should have a re-usable beverage container that they can refill at the bottle filling station if they need water. Cups will not be supplied by the facility.