



Welcome to: Growing Tree - Summer Camp My Big Backyard

Summer Camp is almost here and we look forward to reintroducing your children to school in our outdoor My Big Backyard.

We also want to share a new exciting tool to help us communicate with you so you can follow along with your child's days at Growing Tree-Summer Camp:

Please see the attached **HiMama** App introduction.
Please be sure you download the app on your phones!
Please return the use agreement on your first day of camp.

Staff will input activities in real time during the day and a report will be sent to you at the end of each day of camp.

As always, if you need something while your child is here, please contact the office directly at 376-8280 or growingtreemoraga@gmail.com
Directors can monitor all **HiMama** communications but our Gmail is the most direct office contact for direct response.

We want you to know that all campers are going to be warmly welcomed into each group each day even though you may not be able to observe this in person. Here is a sample of what happens after you drop off:

Parents will sign in at the *Parent Zone* on the walk way to camp. Please observe the 6ft social-spacing while waiting in line. Your signature on the sign in sheet is your confirmation that your child's temperature is no higher than 99.5 and that they meet the criteria posted by the three health questions. **YOU WILL NEED YOUR OWN PEN TO SIGN IN/OUT AT PARENT ZONE** -Community Care Licensing still requires a physical sign in and out daily!

Older children will be escorted to their upper level meeting areas and younger children will be escorted to the lower yard by our staff.

Our class groups are going to be our new camp "bubbles" - each group has a designated perimeter with its own designated entry/exit, yard space, toilet/sink area and table area.

We have a special thermometer named Big Smiley - It's yellow and makes us giggle!. Each class will monitor children's temps after you have confirmed at check in that arrival temp is not above 99.5.

Teachers will help children clean their hands and welcome them with a fun new dance or silly hello song! There will be plenty of activities for children to participate in during the day as well as socializing safely with their friends.

Our primarily outdoor camp will have different play zones - sand/swings/ activity tables/bikes/climbers.

Older children will wear a necklace while participating in an activity - There is a limited number of necklaces for each activity thereby limiting the number of children in that activity/area. We have already used necklaces for this purpose in our playhouses and sensory tables during the school year and they work great! This will give everyone a chance to experience all of our fun activities in a friendly, social environment without overcrowding.

Younger campers will use the play zones much like taking turns on bikes - a few at a time!

Our block and manipulative play will be set up a bit differently - As opposed to everyone diving into the same bucket of toys, there will be separate trays of manipulatives to play with at a table of friends and, of course, our younger children will be delighted to have a basket of "their own" blocks to explore all by themselves while sitting near someone else doing the same! After the toys are played with, they will go into the washing bucket - clean toys are then rotated in throughout the day.

Older campers are making their own personal outdoor "Sit-Upons" for circle times ensuring a little space between them and their neighbor. These will go home in their backpack and should come back each camp day.

Younger campers will be sitting in floor hoops while participating in our fun circle times to ensure their own space. Teachers will be using these hoops throughout the day to give the children a visual of social distancing while still having a lot of fun and giggles with our friends.

Snack/ lunch will be spread out with fewer children at a table at one time.

Teachers will wear masks to keep us safe but they also will wear a picture smile badge and sometimes a plastic face shield so we can all see each other!

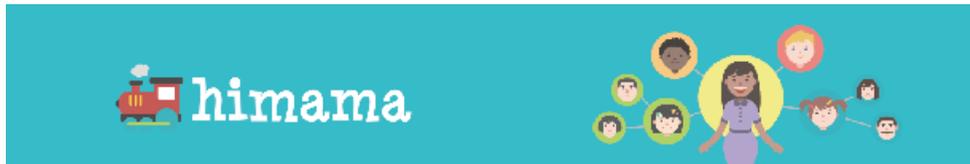
Children will want to try out their masks as ours become familiar. We will start with some opportunities to wear our masks at circle time and see where it takes us.

We will be updating our activities throughout the day in **HiMama** and attaching lots of pictures so you can watch us as we learn and play!

At the end of the day, children will return to their drop off yards and, as parents arrive at the *parent zone*, staff will escort your children to you. Don't forget your own pen to sign out!

When you get home, look for your parent updated report from our **HiMama** app to share your child's day at camp!

We can't wait to share summer with our little campers!



Attention Families!

We are thrilled to announce that we are launching a new and exciting program called **HiMama**!



What is HiMama?

HiMama will be used by our educators to record activities and to document updates throughout the day.



What will HiMama do for me?

HiMama will keep you in the loop- all day long! Whether it be at work, home, or on the go through HiMama's mobile app, you'll never miss a moment!



Amazing! What should I do next?

You can download "HiMama - The Childcare App". Check your email inbox - we'll be sending your invitation shortly!

Want to learn more? Visit www.himama.com!





CENTER NAME: _____

Participation Agreement

to email and publish my child's work, photographs or videos via HiMama

To: Parent / Legal Guardian,

Please read this page carefully as it includes information about safety and security issues associated with privacy and behavior.

In the interest of safety and security we require parent permission for the publishing of children's work, photographs or videos through a software program called HiMama (the "Program"). By signing this form you grant permission for us to photograph or video your child for the purposes of sharing this information with you through the Program. You will also receive updates and information about your child through the Program to the email you have provided herein.

Note that sometimes other children in the center may feature in photos, videos or stories of your child. By giving your consent you agree not to share photos or video of any child, other than your own, outside the Program without permission.

To learn more about the Program, please visit www.himama.com. Please complete, sign, and return this form to the center if you wish to participate. We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions.

I hereby acknowledge that I wish to voluntarily participate in the Program:

My Child's Name: _____

My Name: _____

My Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Please complete the Participation Agreement for each parent / guardian of the child.