

Peanut Policy

We are requesting your cooperation in partnering with us to ensure a safe environment for children with nut allergies. Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Department has identified these operational practices for everyone to follow:

- Parents with children that have a nut allergy are requested to list this information on their registration form in the medical conditions section and notify the staff as soon as possible.
- When we are notified of a nut allergy and we know the severity of the allergy, we will notify families registered in that particular program. If the allergy is life-threatening, the program environment will automatically become a nut free zone.
- For programs designated nut free, we will ask all families to cooperate by packing lunches and supplying snacks that do not contain any nut or nut by-products. Unfortunately, due to ever-changing processing practices and product ingredients, it is not feasible for us to provide you with a comprehensive list of what items to avoid.
- This is where we need your assistance. We ask that parents take a few minutes when preparing a lunch or snack to review the list of ingredients on each item prior to packing it. We recognize that this may be an inconvenience for your child's food choices, but the safety of another child's life must take precedence.

Staff will do their best to monitor foods that may pose a potential harm to the allergic child. However, since many items may be without their original packaging and since we have so many children in each program, it is not feasible to inspect every food item from every child to ensure compliance.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation! Should you have questions with this practice, do not hesitate to give us a call at 847-234-6700.