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## PRESS RELEASE

### **BRIGADE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OPENS FOR SUMMER CAMP WITH NEW COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

*Brigade will be operating at six Summer Camp sites throughout New Hanover and Onslow Counties beginning Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

**JACKSONVILLE, NC (June 15, 2020)** – For many kids, summer camp means taking a break from the world, living away from home, and beating the heat with friends and camp counselors. However, in recent months, children and their families have encountered uncertainty during this pandemic. Thanks to Brigade Boys & Girls Club, many local children will be given the opportunity to have some normalcy return to their lives. With new, strict safety and sanitization guidelines in place, Brigade will be able to resume summer camp sessions in both New Hanover and Onslow Counties.

Brigade will once again host summer camp for Onslow County kids with increased safety measures and limited capacity at four locations: Richlands Elementary School, Sand Ridge Elementary School, Southwest High School and a new location at 1940 Gum Branch Road. Brigade’s summer camp allows rising 1st through 8th graders to engage in games, sports, crafts, mentorship, and academic enrichment. Due to the early school closures, Brigade intends to combat summer learning loss through BGCA’s Summer Brain Gain program. Onslow camps are open for two sessions: June 15<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Friday, from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. The cost for each session is only \$165 per child with a one-time \$25 registration fee, which includes two healthy snacks daily. Spaces are still available at all locations. All required registration and payments are available via Brigade’s online parent portal at [www.brigadebgc.org/parentportal](http://www.brigadebgc.org/parentportal).

#### **Health & Wellness Information:**

Brigade will enforce the following procedures to ensure the safety of our Club members and staff:

- Daily Wellness Checks (including temp checks and wellness questionnaire)
- Increase in sanitization and cleaning protocols of our facilities and Club staff and members
- The staff to Club member ratio will be lowered to an average of 1:10
- All Club members must be dropped off between the hours of 7am-9am. No entry will be permitted after 9am.
- Front-line staff and food services staff will wear masks; all other staff masks are optional
- A more detailed list of Brigade’s COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines can be found at [www.brigadebgc.org/parentresources](http://www.brigadebgc.org/parentresources)

For more information regarding Brigade’s Onslow Summer camp Club sites, visit [www.brigadebgc.org/summer-camp-2020](http://www.brigadebgc.org/summer-camp-2020) , or call (910) 455-9003.

We invite you to join us at one of our Clubs sites, this week beginning at 7am as we open for the summer!