

# Health & Hygiene

- **Opening Ceremony**

- Steam Off or Name Game

- **Hand Washing and Germs**

- Discussion about germs and how our immune system helps fight them off
- [Glitter Hand Washing Demonstration](#) (If you don't have access to a sink, you can bring a handwashing station to the park.)
- Aerosol spread and why it's important to cover our mouths when we cough or sneeze and wear a mask if we have a cold.

- **Eating Healthy**

- Water
  - Water should be your number one drink
  - Life can not exist without water
  - People can survive without food for weeks, but dehydration is deadly after just a couple of days.
  - Drinking water helps your joints stay healthy, is good for your teeth, helps your blood circulation, and helps maintain concentration and focus
  - Kids generally need to drink around 5 cups of water per day, and kids need around 7 cups of water per day from all sources
  - If it is very hot or you are doing a lot of physical activity you will need more water

- Variety
  - Eating a variety of foods helps you get all the nutrients you need
  - This is especially important for fruits and veggies

- Balanced Meals & Snacks
  - Protein
    - Important building block for growing bodies!
    - Found in dairy, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, nuts, seeds, and legumes
  - Fat
    - Helps us feel full, slow the absorption of carbs, concentrated energy, makes our brains work, allow us to absorb fat-soluble vitamins
    - Found in avocados, eggs, oils, nuts, seeds, & whole milk dairy
  - Carbohydrates
    - Give us energy
    - Found in cereals & grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy products and more!
    - 3 types: fiber, starch, & sugars
      - Fiber is non-digestible but helps your digestive system work.
      - Starch is a complex carbohydrate that is a good source of energy. They take longer to break down so provide more energy for longer than simple carbs.
        - Many foods that are high in starch are also high in fiber.
      - Sugars are simple carbohydrates that break down quickly to be used as energy.
    - Micronutrients
      - These are molecules like vitamins, calcium, and iron that we don't need a lot of, but they are really important to have enough of! They help our bodies do a

variety of things. Most people get enough of these nutrients through a balanced diet, but sometimes people take a supplement.

- Fruits and Veggies are great to get these in your diet

- Reduce Added Sugar

- Reduce sugars when possible, but it's ok to have sweets and treats on occasion!

- Be Intentional

- Think about what you're eating and make healthy choices

- Pay attention to your body and know when you are hungry and when you are full

- **Rainbow Snack Activity**

- Ask the kids which are their favorite foods and which foods they don't like so much.
  - Have they ever tried something new even though it felt a little scary?

- **Healthy Habits**

- All bodies are good bodies! It's important to take care of yours and treat it with kindness.
  - Get enough sleep - Otters need about 10.5 hours a day
  - Limit screen time
  - Take care of your mental health as well as your physical health
  - Eat healthy foods (like the ones you just tried!)
  - Stay hydrated
  - Stay active during the day through playing, sports, or activities

- **Physical fitness activity**

- Do some activities like jumping rope, running around, doing hula hoop, skipping, or stretching/yoga
  - Have the kids feel their pulse before and after doing the exercises
  - Do different kinds of exercises make you feel different?

- **Mindfulness**

- Do a mindfulness exercise (like the ones in the book *Breathe Like a Bear*)

- **Closing Ceremony**

## Related Activities:

- [Glitter Hand Washing Demonstration](#)

## Items Needed:

- Glitter
- Handwashing Station with Warm Water and Soap
- Fruits and Veggies for Rainbow Snacks
- Jump Rope and/or Hula Hoop
- [Breathe Like a Bear](#) or other mindfulness book

## Badge Requirements Covered:

## Safety Badge

- Health & Hygiene

## Blue Activity Paw

- Physical Fitness

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