

COVID-19 Acknowledgement and Release

Your safety and the safety of our members, volunteers, and employees is the Mid-America Council's top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to come to camp this summer.

We are also coordinating with state and local health departments to ensure we are informed of their guidance to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 being contracted at camp.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Pre-attendance education.
- Health screening conducted by your unit prior to travel to our camp, including a temperature check.
- Health screening upon your arrival at camp, which will also include a temperature check.
- Note: should anyone in the unit not pass the arrival screening, anyone who traveled with that individual will not be allowed to stay at camp
- Limitations on visitors in camp.
- Hygiene reminders while at camp.
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout camp.
- Staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- An emergency response plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.
- Check-ins with each unit after the unit leaves camp to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and still be allowed into camp.

We also know the very nature of camp makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. *If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending camp.*

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending camp.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have reviewed the information above and have educated yourself about the risks associated with COVID-19 at a summer camp environment, and you hereby release the Mid-America Council and all of its agents, employees, volunteers, vendors, and any related persons or organizations from any and all liability related in any way to you or your child relating to COVID-19 or other communicable diseases at summer camp.

Participant(s) Name (printed)

Unit #

Camp(s) Attending

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Signature of Participant (or Parent/Guardian if under age 19)

This form will need to be uploaded into the camp registration system. You may also e-mail it to mac@scouting.org or mail/drop off at 12401 W Maple Road, Omaha, NE 68164 or 819 A Gordon Dr, Sioux City, IA 51101. For questions, please e-mail or call Scouter Services at 402-431-9272 ext 0.