



2021 Summer Camp Health and Safety Plan



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Scout Leaders,

The continued safety of our Scouts, volunteers, and employees is the Great Rivers Council's top priority. Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation was one of only 30% of Scout camps that opened and operated last summer. Because of our COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan, we operated a successful camping season without any known cases of COVID-19 at camp.

A lot has changed since last summer, when we were still in the early months of the pandemic. Fast forwarding to now, we know a great deal more. While our Scout-aged members are unlikely to develop serious illness, our adult Scouters are more susceptible, this is especially if they have underlying health conditions. With the COVID-19 vaccines now in full distribution we highly recommend that all those that can receive the vaccine to please do so.

The summer camp health & safety plan is nearly identical to last summer. We continue to monitor the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who register for our summer camp programs. If the circumstances permit certain aspects of our plan will be modified.

Our camp health and safety plan includes:

1. **Health screening** conducted by your unit prior to travel to our camp, including a temperature check and daily health screenings of Scouts and leaders by unit leadership
2. **Programmatic changes**
 - Class sizes are managed to encourage and accommodate social distancing guidance
 - Redesign of family night, campfire programs and Order of the Arrow call out
3. **Sanitation & personal hygiene signage** posted around camp
4. **Enhanced sanitation** with extra handwashing/hand sanitizer stations
 - Cleaning protocols for all camp areas, restroom facilities and shared program equipment
 - Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect camp
5. **Face masks** required when indoors and encouraged in other settings where distancing is not easily accomplished.
6. An **emergency response** plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19
7. **Trained and licensed medical professionals** on staff during the entirety of camp
8. **Trained and certified camp leadership and staff** that will undergo additional training on new polices and standards in regard to health & safety and sanitation protocols.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

We also know the very nature of camp makes physical 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.*

Our goal is to continue the trend of last summer with a COVID-19 free camp, but we need your help with our efforts.



ARRIVING AT CAMP

Check-in will take place at the Welcome Center not at the campsites. Upon arrival at camp, campers will have a COVID-19 health screening. Units will have staggered scheduled arrival timeframes to avoid a bottle neck during the screening process. Scouts and campers are not authorized to enter camp until all appropriate medical forms and procedures have been completed.

PRE-EVENT MEDICAL SCREENING CHECKLIST

The pre-event screening checklist will be used for all campers/visitors that includes guidance for individuals who should stay home. This checklist is to review with each camper their current health status before entering camp.

Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test 14 days prior to camp will not be permitted to attend camp.

BSA HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

Every Scout and adult must have a completed Personal Health and Medical form parts A, B & C completed and signed by with required signatures.

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We also encourage anyone whose medical condition or history has changed significantly since their last physical exam to get approval from their health care provider prior to attending camp.

ONGOING SCREENING

Each Scout unit should conduct daily temperature checks of campers performed and recorded by unit leadership. If Scouts and campers exhibit COVID-19 symptoms they will be sent home. Please refer to daily log for instructions. Our staff will also have their temperature checked daily and recorded by camp medic.

CAMPING & TENTS

Normal tent arrangements will be in place in campsites, with two to a tent. A head-toe, toe-head arrangement for sleeping is recommended. Units may opt for one person to a tent, we strongly recommend bringing unit and personal tents to accommodate. Please keep in mind the terrain of some campsites may not permit this to be easily done. As always, all BSA youth protection policies must be followed.

FOOD SERVICE

Our camp utilizes campsite cooking. Food and supplies will be delivered to each unit. Units should bring their own cooking supplies. Unit leadership will receive instructions on proper food handling. Food handling gloves are being supplied for meal preparation.

GUESTS AND VISITORS

We welcome visitors on Family Night, Order of the Arrow ceremonies, and campfire programs. Any guest that arrives at camp will need to check-in at our Welcome Center to complete a pre-event health screening form.

HANDWASHING

While proper hygiene has always been important, this summer our campers must be more vigilant with proper handwashing hygiene. We will have additional handwashing stations throughout camp. Hand sanitizer placed throughout camp and in program areas. We are also asking each unit to bring additional hand sanitizer and soap.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing means keeping space “six feet (6’)” between yourself and other people outside of your home. Following recommendations, our summer camp program and activities will adhere to physical distancing for limiting the spread of disease, including COVID-19. Some program activities do make social distancing impossible.

FACEMASKS

Masks will be required at any indoor camp facilities including the Trading Post, Welcome Center, iLab, Metalworking/Welding Shop, Program Building.

Masks will not be required in outdoor settings. We do strongly recommend wearing facemasks when interacting with others closer than 6 feet.

Facemasks will be available for campers as requested in our indoor facilities. We recommend each Scout bring enough facemasks for the week.

MEDICAL LODGE AND MEDICS

In accordance to our BSA National Camp Accreditation Program, we have appropriate licensed and trained medical professionals on staff and on property during the entirety of camp. The camp offers a medical lodge used to treat and monitor Scouts and campers.

In addition to the medical lodge, camp will have an isolation area away from other campers for anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease.

SIGNAGE

Appropriate signage from CDC and/or Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services will be prominently displayed in all camp sites and physical structures to educate and remind campers on; Handwashing Protocols, Social Distancing and Symptoms of COVID-19.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

Our methods for typical cleaning procedures include two-stage cleaning and disinfecting. "Cleaning" entails washing with a detergent and water to remove soil, organic matter, and some microorganisms from a surface. Following a detergent and water wash, "disinfecting" entails

use of EPA approved disinfectant that must be applied in accordance with product manufacturer guidelines.

The cleaning and disinfection of facilities, program equipment and commonly touched services is following recommendations from the CDC.

Reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by cleaning and disinfection is an important part of our mitigation plan to operate our summer camp season. Every camper and Scout are asked to do their part with prevention hygiene, such as frequently washing your hands and avoid close contact with each other. Each camper and Scout will be given a personal bottle of hand sanitizer for personal use while attending camp.

Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation will have dedicated staff for cleaning and disinfecting camp.

SOMEONE AT CAMP IS SHOWING SYMPTOMS

If a camper is suspected of having COVID-19 symptoms, they are to contact the camp medic to assess whether their symptoms mean they need to leave camp.

- If a camper develops COVID-19 symptoms for which another cause cannot be confidently determined, that individual will be required to leave camp and parents/guardians notified.
- An isolation area near the Medical Lodge will be staged for the camper to await parental/guardian arrival.
- We are required to notify local health officials of suspected and confirmed cases immediately.
- Scout leaders and camp staff in camp will be notified when someone is sent home that has a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Cleaning and disinfecting of all areas used by the camper who is sick.

Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

This is a tool to assist in identifying potentially communicable diseases in advance of event participation. The intent of this checklist is to review with each participant their current health status both before departure and upon arrival.

Name _____

Unit # _____

YES NO Have you completed the COVID-19 vaccination series at least 14 days ago?

(Note: If you have received the COVID-19 vaccination series but have had a COVID-19 exposure and NOT experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms you do not need to quarantine and can attend camp)

If the answer is YES to any one of the questions below, the participant must stay home (*see Note above*).
If all answers above are NO (*see Note above*), proceed to the symptoms list below.

YES NO Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks prior to your arrival at camp?

YES NO Have you or has anyone in your household been in close contact* in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?

YES NO Have you or has anyone in your household been in close contact* with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?

YES NO Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?

YES NO Has anyone in your household been exposed to an individual known or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

YES NO Have you or has anyone you have been in close contact* with traveled on a cruise ship or internationally or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the past 14 days?

*According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "close contact" means:

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you

Symptoms of COVID-19

If anyone in your household in the last 14 days has one of the following signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, the entire household must stay home.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100.4 F or greater) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Flu-like symptoms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chills | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache | <input type="checkbox"/> Sudden Loss of taste or smell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of Breath | <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting | <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chill |

YES NO Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the CDC guidelines, including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

If the answer is "yes," we recommend that you stay home. Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your health care provider