



Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing, the wearing of cloth face coverings, and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

The Boy Scouts of America, Garden State Council (“GSC”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, GSC cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the events, meetings, etc. could increase your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.



Please consider the following. If any are YES, an individual must stay home.

- **Are you at higher risk for severe illness from COVID- 19 due to an increased risk factor?**
- **Have you been in contact with anyone experiencing respiratory illness or is in the process of being tested?**
- **Have you travelled to an area with a large outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the past 14 days?**

I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and/or I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending GSC properties and events, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at GSC properties may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, GSC employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s attendance at a GSC property or participation in GSC programming (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, to discharge, and to hold harmless the Boy Scouts of America, Garden State Council, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the GSC, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any GSC program.

**By attending an event or meeting within the Garden State Council, BSA,
you acknowledge this agreement for you and your household.**

