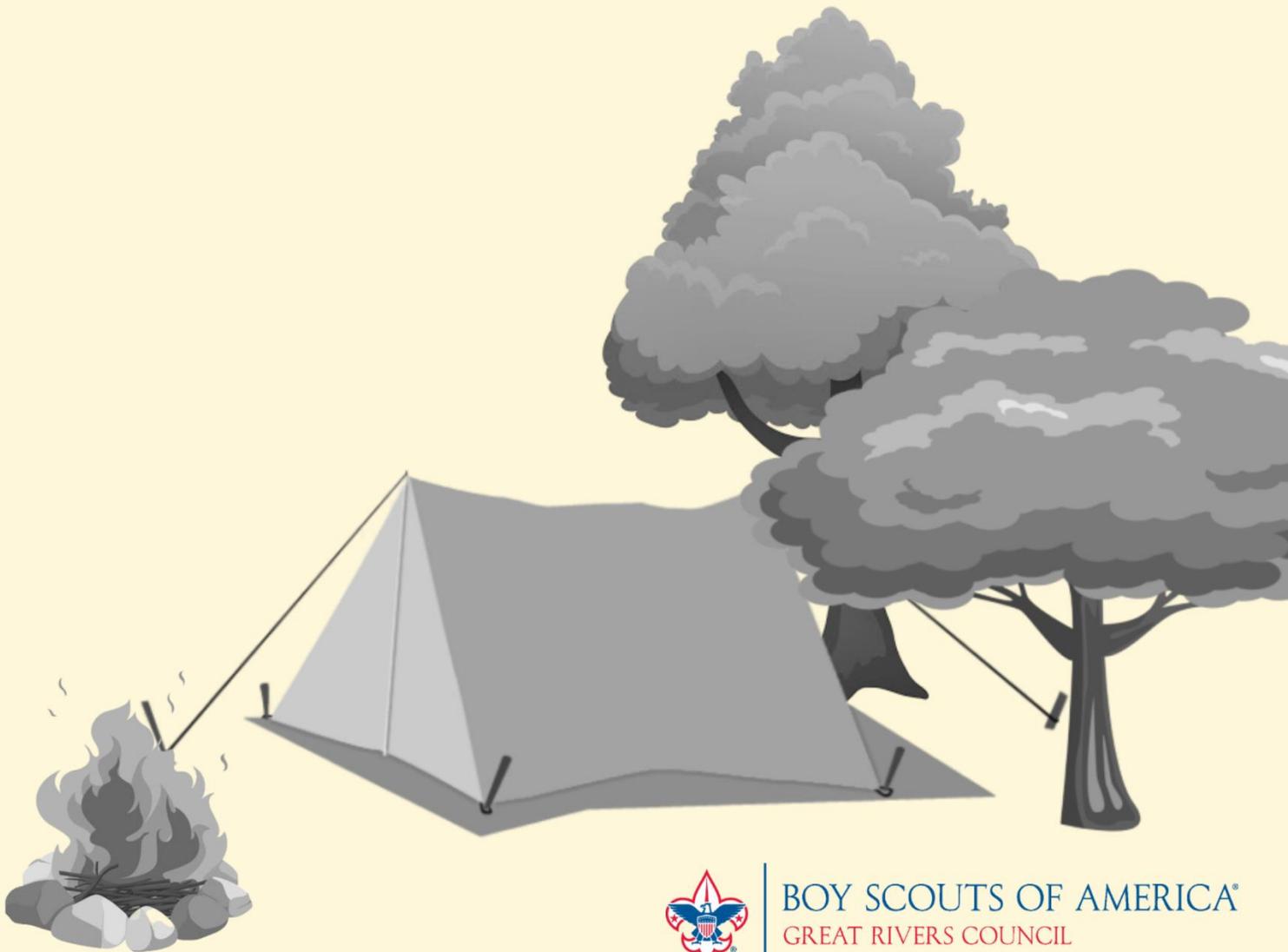




Summer Camp Health and Safety Plan



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INTRODUCTION

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, and employees is the Great Rivers 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.

Our decision to operate Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation programs this summer is based solely on the ability to follow BSA, local, state, other government recommendations and guidelines.

Over the past several months our staff, our volunteers in the Camping, Health and Safety and Risk Management committees have been guiding us as to how we can operate a summer camp program as safe as possible with mitigation efforts.

Our camp health and safety plan includes:

1. **Pre-camp education**
2. **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
3. **Limiting exposure** with the elimination of visitors in camp and elimination of family nights
4. **Programmatic changes** to limit the intermingling of units while in camp
 - o Class sizes are managed to encourage and accommodate physical distancing requirements
 - o Elimination and redesign of certain programs where physical distancing is not practical
5. **Sanitation & personal hygiene signage** posted around camp
6. **Enhanced sanitation** with extra handwashing/hand sanitizer stations
 - o Updated and enhanced cleaning protocols for all camp areas and shared program equipment
 - o Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect camp
7. **Face coverings** required for certain activities and as desired by the camper.
8. An **emergency response** plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19
9. **Trained and licensed medical professionals** on staff and on property during the entirety of camp.
10. **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. 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 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.*

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.



COMMUNICATION

We will be regularly communicating and monitoring developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures.

Prior to Camp

- Inform parents/legal guardians about the precautions and procedures the camp has implemented/will implement to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure.
- Provide information on our communication platforms, such as website, text messaging, and telephone, to distribute information to parents/legal guardians.
- Identify which campers are at higher risk for complications related to COVID-19 and encourage and support them to take additional precautionary measures.
- Recommend parents/legal guardians of higher-risk campers to consult their child's medical provider to assess their risk and determine if attendance is acceptable.
- Communicate the importance of keeping campers home if they show any symptoms associated with COVID-19. Share the CDC Symptom Screening List: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- Inform and seek consent from parents/legal guardians for any health monitoring (e.g., daily temperature readings) that will occur.
- Inform vendors that access to the camp's facilities will be restricted.
 - Maintain physical distancing between themselves and campers and staff
 - Wear appropriate PPE (a face mask and gloves)
 - Do not make deliveries if they have symptoms associated with COVID-19

During Camp

- Keep leaders up to date on COVID-19 as it relates to the camp. Send regular communication (i.e. texts, podcasts, etc.) regarding the prevention efforts. If necessary, report the number of suspected and confirmed cases (if any), as well as the camp's responses.
- If the decision to dismiss or end camp early is made, we will promptly communicate these plans with our constituents.
- Leaders meeting on Sunday evening to discuss program, activity and important health and safety information and protocols (i.e. hygiene, hand washing, physical distancing, daily health screening, etc).

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
- Physical "Social" Distancing
- Symptoms of COVID-19



TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CAMP

To avoid large gatherings of campers arriving at camp at once, we will be contacting units to schedule staggered timeframes for your unit to arrive at camp. Check-in will take place in the parking lot of the Welcome Center not at the campsites. Scouts and campers are not authorized to enter camp until all appropriate medical forms and procedures have been completed.

CAMPING & TENTS

There is no formal national BSA policy on physical distancing in tents, just as there is no prohibition on tenting alone if logistics can accommodate that request. As always, all BSA youth protection policies must be followed. We strongly encourage units to bring unit and personal tents. This will help the eliminate the need for cleaning and sanitation of tents in between camping sessions. Wall tents will be available upon request.

Other unit recommendations

- Same household youth, same gender shares a tent.
- We also encourage that campers stay in a personal tent if feasible
- Head to toe camping
- Limit two campers per tent

FOOD SERVICE

Our camp utilizes campsite cooking. Food and supplies will be delivered to each unit. Camp-wide meals will be prepared and brought to the individual campsites. Units should bring their own cooking supplies. Campers and staff will receive training on proper food handling safety. Food handling gloves are being supplied for meal preparation.

GUESTS AND VISITORS

This year no visitors will be allowed into camp. This applies to the elimination of family night, Order of the Arrow ceremonies, and campfire programs. Any parent/guardian that arrives at camp to check out a camper that is leaving early we ask they wait at the Welcome Center.

TRADING POST

We are proud to offer a fully stocked trading post to include camp souvenirs, t-shirts, program supplies and consumables. Due to the size of the trading post increased protocols limiting the number of campers and hours of operations will be put into place. In addition, since this is an enclosed space we will require face coverings while inside. We are also exploring having a traveling trading post in the evenings.

PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES DELIVERY

Merit Badges, program and activity offerings are changing to follow recommendations from the CDC and American Camping Association to limit units from interacting with each other to the extent possible. More information is available in the Camp Leaders Guide and website.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Health Screening

Every Scout and adult must have a Personal Health and Medical Record (AHMR), completed and signed by an examining medical professional. The Boy Scouts of America has a medical form that is approved for use at the camp.

The following one-time exceptions will only apply to BSA Accredited Council Camps and BSA High Adventure Bases. This option does not apply to any unit activity or programmatic requirements such as for SCUBA.

Participants with a Part C completed on or after February 1, 2019.

- Validity of any Part C completed on or after February 1, 2019 is extended until August 31, 2020.
- Update Parts A and B of the AHMR within two weeks of your departure to camp.

Participants with no Part C or one prior to February 1, 2019, including new members.

- Attach a completed alternate exam (sports, school, annual well exam at pediatrician) completed on or after February 1, 2019. This will be accepted as a valid Part C until August 31, 2020.
- Update Parts A and B of the AHMR within two weeks of your departure to camp.

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.

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.

Pre-Camp Medical Screening Checklist

Pre-camp questionnaire for all campers including guidance for individuals who should stay home. This is a tool to assist parents and leaders 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 at the event.

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.

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.

We will conduct check-ins with units one week and two weeks following camp to determine if any campers developed symptoms



Physical Distancing

Social distancing also called “physical distancing,” means keeping space " six feet (6’)" between yourself and other people outside of your home. Following local/state and federal guidelines, our summer camp program and activities will adhere to physical distancing for limiting the spread of disease, including COVID-19. Staff members and campers should wear face coverings during certain activities when physical distancing is not maintained or feasible.

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 bring additional hand sanitizer and soap.

Face masks, while not technically PPE Policy

In accordance with CDC guidance, facemasks should be worn whenever interacting with others closer than six feet for extended periods i.e. greater than 15 minutes, as well as enclosed indoor program spaces (iLab, Trading Post, Welding, Welcome Center). Facemasks will be available for campers as requested in the Welcome Center. Each Scout and camper will be given a branded Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation branded neck gaiter, suitable for covering their mouth and nose for personal use.

What to do if there is a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19

In the event of confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, additional protocols are put into place.

In the Event of a Potential Exposure:

- Immediately inform parents/legal guardians about any potential contact their child may have had with a probable or confirmed case.
- If a Scout or camper develops COVID-19 symptoms for which another cause cannot be confidently determined, that individual will be required to leave camp.
- The Scout or camper should pack up personal belongings prior to leaving camp. If sharing a tent with another Scout it is advisable that the tent be removed and/or sanitized prior to use.
- An isolation area near the Medical Lodge will be staged for the camper to await parental/guardian arrival.
- 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.
- Enhanced cleaning is recommended if it is determined that a person with COVID-19 was present in a building (e.g., iLab, Trading Post, Welcome Center, etc.) or at camp activity areas for at least 15 minutes.
- Our licensed camp medic, in consultation with our council health officer, will determine if/when a camper should be sent home. Their decision is final.

In general, staff and leaders should avoid handling other campers’ belongings. If handling of campers’ belongings is needed, gloves should be worn; disposable gloves are recommended, if available. If gloves are unavailable, staff should perform hand hygiene immediately before and after handling campers’ belongings.



CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

In accordance with CDC guidance, we have enhanced our cleaning methods to minimize transfer of coronavirus at camp and reduce risk to campers and camp staff.

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.

Examples of frequently touched surfaces include tables, drinking fountains, door handles, hand railings, light switches, countertops, cabinet handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. Any other surfaces frequently touched by campers or staff will be cleaned and disinfected at least daily or, preferably, several times per day.

Cleaning of outdoor structures made of plastic or metal can be carried out according to typical camp cleaning practices. More frequent cleaning of high touch outdoor surfaces, such as grab bars or railings, is recommended. Outdoor wooden surfaces, such as play structures or benches, can be cleaned according to standard camp practices and more frequently if needed to remove obvious soiling.

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.

Cleaning Methods

A thorough cleaning schedule uniquely designed for each program building, program building, bathrooms and equipment has been developed.

- For cleaning, general purpose residential cleaners that are ready to use or diluted with water per product instructions are sufficient have been procured.
- For disinfection, products that are specific to eliminating coronavirus like viruses have been procured.

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

Additionally, each of our camp staff members is completing a compliance training for Coronaviruses and COVID-19. The training module will help them understand how COVID-19 spreads, recognize how to protect yourself and others from exposure, and recognize what to do if you have symptoms.

Personal Protection Equipment for Cleaning & Sanitation Staff

Eye protection, disposable gloves, and gowns/aprons are worn for all tasks in the cleaning process, including handling trash.



APPENDIX



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Pre-Camp Medical Screening Checklist

This is a tool to assist parents and leaders 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 at the event.

Participant's Name _____ Unit # _____

Has the participant or anyone in the participant's household had a confirmed case of COVID 19? YES NO

Has the participant had any of the following symptoms in the last 2 weeks?

- Fever (100.4 F or greater) YES NO
- Chills YES NO
- Diarrhea YES NO
- Cough or Shortness of Breath YES NO
- Sore throat YES NO
- Vomiting YES NO
- Flu-like symptoms YES NO
- Sudden Loss of taste or smell YES NO

If the answer to ANY of the above questions is YES, the participant should **STAY HOME**.

Has the participant had any of the following symptoms in the last 72 hours?

- Unexplained extreme fatigue or muscle aches
- Rash
- Open sore

If the participant has one of these symptoms, discuss any limitations and restrictions and consider having him or her stay home. Participants who become ill should not return to the activity until they are cleared by a health-care provider.

If any of the following are true, it is recommended that after leaving camp, that you isolate away from any home which may have any high-risk individual, for 14 days. This is to make sure you do not infect someone in your home. Is anyone in your household:

- Over age 65?
- Immunosuppressed? (On drugs which suppress the immune system; have a blood disease which is being treated; receiving treatment for Multiple Sclerosis; or on Humira, Imuran, Remicade, Cimzia, Tysabri, Enryvio, Stelara?)
- Undergoing ACTIVE treatment for cancer (getting chemotherapy)?

YES NO

You should consider not going to camp this year if you live with someone who is high risk to have a serious COVID 19 infection, unless you can stay away from them for 14 days after you leave camp.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL'S TIME OF DEPARTURE FOR CAMP.

Signature _____
(if under 18, parent or guardian should sign)

Date _____



RESOURCES

Youth Programs and Camping During the COVID-19 Pandemic

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-programs-decision-tool.html>

Show Me Strong

<https://showmestrong.mo.gov>

Boy Scouts of America - Camp Director Resource Page

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/cd-resources/>

American Camping Association - Camp Operations Guide Summer 2020

<https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020>

National Statement on COVID-19

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/>

CDC - Considerations for Youth and Summer Camps

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Camps-Decision-Tree.pdf>

Camden County Health Department

<https://camdencountyhealth.org/>

Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

<https://health.mo.gov/>

