



WHAT SUMMER CAMP MAY LOOK LIKE

While we are planning on and hoping for an entirely traditional summer camp this summer, we understand that there may be state and local guidelines and restrictions that could alter the way we operate summer camp. While it is impossible to tell the future, we have learned a lot over the last few months about what the summer camp environment could look like. Below we have painted a picture of what summer camp could look like if a fully traditional summer camp is not possible this summer. As always, please note that guidelines are continually changing and evolving with new information, and variations of these ideas may be possible. As we get closer to summer camp, we will keep you up to date on what summer camp will look like and what our final procedures and restrictions will be.

Check-In

Normal

Upon arrival, all adults head to our office to verify clearances. Unit leaders then head to our main check-in area to review paperwork, receive important check-in information, and finalize all financial information.

Mild Restrictions

The same structure would be in place, but we may allow fewer individuals inside our buildings or in the same location at one time.

Heavy Restrictions

To allow for better ventilation and social distancing, check-in may happen all outdoors and under tarps. We would also allow fewer individuals in the same location at one time.

Campsites

Normal

Campsites are set-up in pods of four tents, with some campsites hosting more than one unit and each tent sleeping two people. Tarps, campfire rings, and wooden picnic tables are provided. There is one latrine per campsite with a washstand, cleaning supplies, and soap provided.

Mild Restrictions

Campsites may be set-up in a different configuration to allow units and individuals to be spread out more. Campsites may host multiple units with tents sleeping two people (sleeping head-to-toe) or possibly one person. Tents would be sanitized and cleaned between each session. Tarps, tables, and fire rings would still be provided. More sanitation and cleaning supplies may be provided.

Heavy Restrictions

Units may be asked to bring their own tents sleeping two people (head-to-toe) or possibly one person. Campsites may only host one unit or two smaller units. Plastic shields may be placed above the washstand to allow for people to use both sides of the washstand safely.

Meals

Normal

Scouts and leaders sit by unit at tables of ten. The whole camp eats breakfast, lunch, and dinner together at the same time. Meals are prepared and served family-style, a salad bar is provided at lunch and dinner, and milk coolers are opened at each meal. Staff will float around and sit at different tables. Each meal ends with a song.

Mild Restrictions

Scouts and leaders sit by unit at tables that may hold less than ten. Tables may be more spread out. Meals may be held in shifts, with half the camp eating at a time. Meals may be served family-style or cafeteria-style, salad bar may

be open, and milk coolers may be available in a limited capacity. Staff may be limited in how much they can float between units. Each meal may not end with a song.

Heavy Restrictions

Scouts and leaders may eat meals in their campsites. Meals may be prepared by our kitchen staff and delivered at scheduled times. Meals may be delivered individually packaged. To allow Scouts to work on cooking requirements, some meals may be cooked by the unit, with us providing the food to be cooked (these meals would be specified and explained before arrival to camp).

Merit Badges (Scouts BSA)

Normal

Merit badges are offered at all of our program areas, with class capacities averaging 25 people (some classes are smaller depending on merit badge needs). Classes happen indoors and outdoors, varying between merit badges.

Mild Restrictions

Merit badges are offered at all of our program areas, with class capacities possibly being smaller to allow for social distancing. Classes may happen indoors and outdoors, varying between merit badges.

Heavy Restrictions

Merit badges are offered at all of our program areas, with class capacities possibly reduced to allow for social distancing. Classes may be all outdoors under tarps to allowing for greater distancing and ventilation. Some merit badges may alter (in compliance with National guidance) how requirements are completed.

Color Groups (Cub and Webelos Scouts)

Normal

Units are paired with other units to form color groups averaging about 30 Scouts. These color groups travel together and participate in activities together during the day. Color groups are also generally made with units from the same or neighboring campsites.

Mild Restrictions

Units are paired with other units to form color groups that may have a smaller size. These colors groups travel together and participate in activities together during the day. Color groups could be made with units from the same campsite or from units that are from the same area (district/council). Program areas may offer activities that are more spread out to allow for social distancing.

Heavy Restrictions

Units are paired with other units to form color groups that may have a smaller size. These groups may participate in all activities together during the day and in the evening. Color groups could be made with units from the same campsite or from units that are from the same area (district/council). Program areas may offer more spread out activities and in only outdoor settings to allow for social distancing and ventilation.

Trading Post

Normal

Scouts, leaders, and guests can come and go as they need to purchase items from our trading post. Merit badge materials, fun items, food, and drink are all sold. Sales are handled via cash, card, and contactless payment.

Mild Restrictions

The number of people in the trading post at any given time may be limited. All the same items would be sold. Materials for merit badges may be all purchased beforehand and distributed during merit badge classes.



Heavy Restrictions

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Camp-wide Activities

Normal

Programs are offered in the evening that are open to all campers. Activities vary from everyone doing the same thing to Scouts being able to pick from several activities.

Mild Restrictions

Programs are offered in the evening that are open to all campers. The same activity may be provided in multiple locations to allow groups to spread out and prevent everyone from being in one place at one time. Various activities may be offered where Scouts can choose what they participate in, cutting down on the number of Scouts in one area.

Heavy Restrictions

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Sanitation

Normal

Areas are cleaned as needed to maintain cleanliness. Kitchen and dining areas are cleaned multiple times a day to maintain safe cooking and eating environments. All areas receive a heavy clean between each session.

Mild Restrictions

In addition to above, daily temperature checks and health screenings may be required. These screenings may be turned in or simply done on one's own. Sanitation checklists will be provided and deep weekly cleanings will take place.

Heavy Restrictions

In addition to above, all areas will receive a deep clean at the end of each day. Areas will not be in use until sanitation is complete. Units will be asked to conduct regular cleaning of their campsites, latrines, and common areas multiple times a day.

General

Masks will be worn as directed by state and local guidelines. This could mean masks are worn at all times, indoors and outdoors. It could also mean masks are worn inside and when social distancing is not possible, but not outdoors as long as social distancing is possible. Masks may also not be required come summer camp. Mask wearing may also be anywhere in-between.

Additional staff will be hired to ensure all of our facilities and program areas are cleaned and sanitized regularly through the course of each day and the session. Extra cleaning and sanitation supplies will also be provided in our campsites, program areas, and high use areas.

Any facility capacities at the time will be followed. These capacities will be used to determine how many people could be in a merit badge class, the dining hall, our office, etc., come summertime.