

## 2020 Summer Camp and Covid-19

As we all know 2020 is a unique year that offers an array of challenges. The Greater Alabama Council has been hard at work so that we can provide a summer camp experience for all of our participants and staff that is above all a safe experience. The second page will need to be printed out and signed by the guardian of each youth attending.

For the 2020 resident camp season the following procedures will be in place for the health and safety of all.

- **If you feel sick, stay home.** This is not the year to wonder if it is just allergies. With all of us being extra vigilant we will be able to keep all of our Scouters safe. And don't worry about a refund. We will get that handled, and should be the least of your concerns.
- **Age and underlying health conditions.** We want all of our Scouters to stay safe. If you are in a group of high risk to COVID-19 please consider staying home this year.
- **Social Distancing starts at home.** Remember that we are currently under "Safer At Home" guidelines, and the Greater Alabama Council is practicing social distancing. The best way to keep everyone safe on travel to camp is to meet in the Camp Comer parking lot at a set time.
- **We will have expanded medical check-ins upon arrival.** This will include taking the temperature of everyone who checks in. Those with a fever will be sent home. To help with this, arrival times for troops are being staggered for 2020.
- **No Visitors.** In 2020 we will be keeping our camp isolated to help prevent the possibility of bringing outside contamination into camp. This also means that for the 2020 season we will not be having a family night at camp.
- **At times, masks will be required.** While the majority of time spent at camp Scouters will be able to go without masks there will be times that masks are required, including check in. Please bring masks with you. Masks will also be sold at the camp for those who need them.
- **There will be an increased vigilance on handwashing.** From our staff on down we will be focused on handwashing. You will see more handwashing stations on site. Early on staff will go over handwashing with everyone. A good way to ensure the proper amount of time is spent washing your hands is to recite the Scout Law to yourself while you lather your hands with soap.
- **There may be periodic temperature checks during the week.**
- **Sickness at camp.** Participants with symptoms of COVID-19 will be temporarily quarantined and sent home immediately.

**COVID-19 "At Risk" Camp Participant Statement  
MUST BE COMPLETED AND BROUGHT TO CAMP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Your safety, and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is top priority for Camp Comer and the Greater Alabama Council. 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 camp this summer.

Our council and camp leaders continue to coordinate with state and local health departments to ensure we are informed of and comply with their guidance to mitigate the risks COVID-19 being contracted at camp.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Pre-attendance education
- Health Screening conducted by your unit prior to travel to Camp Comer, including a temperature check
- Health screening upon your arrival at camp conducted by our camp health officers, which will also include a temperature check
  - Note: should anyone in the unit not pass the arrival screening, the entire car will not be allowed to enter camp
- No visitors while at camp
- Hygiene reminders while at camp
- Extra hand washing/sanitizer stations throughout camp
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment
- An emergency response plan that includes an isolation, quarantine, and return home protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable diseases

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 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 healthcare provider prior to attending camp.**

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

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Signature of Parent / Guardian / Adult

Date