

# The following is recommend for review before each and every camping event with all participants

## Safety Guidelines for Summer/Overnight Camping Troop 376, Brooklyn

### Before You Arrive-Prescreening

- For the purposes of these guidelines, group leaders, and a responsible family adult should follow the same guidance as a unit leader.
- Unit leaders must maintain an accurate roster of all participants, youth and adults.
- Scout units should have permission slips for each youth in attendance. Scouts should travel to/from the venue with their own parents or guardians; family groups should not mix.
- As you prepare to head to the campsite, we would encourage families to check everyone's temperature before leaving to gather with the rest of the troop. If anyone has a high temperature they will need to stay at home.
- If an individual with a high temperature (100 degree or higher) arrives at the campsite, they will be isolated immediately and sent back home.
- If you have a pre-existing condition or you are defined as "[At-Risk](#)" by the CDC,, we do not recommend you attend camp this summer.

### Arrival to Campsite

- Participants should not congregate or wait for the entire group to arrive.
- Participants should be prepared to carry their own personnel gear and limit the gear carried to strictly that patrol/den. Participants should use work gloves when moving shared gear.
- All guests arriving to camp will go through a temperature screening immediately upon arrival.
- Scoutmasters will carry a contactless thermometer and will be required to check the temperature of each person (scouts and leaders) in the campsite before breakfast &

before lights out. There will be a troop roster during check-in that will be used for recording the temperatures.

- All camp participants will need to have their *At Risk Waiver Statement* signed and ready to turn in upon arrival.

## Dining Hall & Eating Facilities

- No camp-wide assemblies or ceremonies will occur at the Dining Hall. Flag ceremony & grace will need to occur in the campsite or on your own prior to coming to the Dining Hall.
- Hand-washing is **mandatory** for all scouts and leaders before each meal & will be supervised.
- All servers will wear masks and gloves, and will go through a supervised handwashing & cleansing before serving.
- We will have disposable utensils for everyone at every meal.
- Participants should follow Physical distancing guidelines while eating.
- It is recommended that disposable water bottles or soft drinks be provided for each scout, adding up to 2 liters per day per scout.
- It is recommended that one Scout/adult 'own' the entire 'patrol box' operation and another for each cooking and serving food operation (recommend removing plates, bowls, cups and eating utensils). No other person is to touch anything in the patrol box. If it is necessary to change the individual, items must be disinfected.
- All meals will still be served in the Dining Hall, there will not be a bagged lunch. You are welcome to carry your meal and eat outdoors, weather permitting. Please keep the area around you clean.
- We will have floating meal times for all meals to help with proper distancing and give time for sanitation. There will be sanitation crew assigned for each meal to clean and sanitize tables and chairs once people have left the facility. We will also have Sanitation responsibilities assigned for bathroom facilities, and campsites twice a day.

## Camping - Overnight Stay

- Overnight camping is limited to tent and lean-to sites.
- It is recommended individuals sleep one person per tent. Siblings/Parents may share a tent (youth protection guidelines apply).
- Scouts and leaders are encouraged to bring their own tents or hammocks to use in the campsite.
- If sharing a lean-to, Scouts should not sleep closer than 6 feet from one another. Scouts sleeping near each other or in bunk beds should be arranged to sleep head-to-toe. Lean-tos may be used at no more than 50% of the normal capacity.
- Individuals should bring their own sleeping pads.
- Scouts should limit contacting other individual's tents during set up. Gloves could be worn when helping others. Specifically refrain from touching entry points like zippers.

- Face masks should not be worn while sleeping.

## Recommended Gear, beyond regular equipment

- Scout leaders should provide disinfecting supplies necessary for their activity.
- Scout leaders should bring Non-contact thermometer and extra batteries.
- Readily accessible personal protective equipment:
  - All participants should bring **at least two cloth masks** and several disposable masks
  - All participants, scouts and adults, must carry a face mask at all times
  - Scout leaders should purchase and bring few boxes of masks for those scouts who forget to bring them
  - Estimated 3-4 pairs of gloves per person of different sizes (used for handling trash pick-up, clean up, carrying gear, etc.)
- Extra trash bags for used wipes and gloves.
- Soap, sanitizer, hand cream and extra paper towels.
- It is recommended that disposable water bottles or soft drinks are provided for every scout, adding up to 2 liters per day per scout.
- Each participant should bring their own camp chair with their name on it. Camp chairs should not be shared.

## Games/Competitions

- Many games require close contact. These activities should be minimized; however, the use of face coverings and work/game gloves will help reduce risk. Games using a ball or frisbee by multiple individuals risk the transfer of germs among the players; these games should be watched carefully, and all participants must wash or disinfect hands before, during (frequently) and after play.
- Using sports gloves allows common surface game objects to be used. Sports gloves also work well for activities requiring finesse such as tying knots.
- It is recommended that Scouts bring their own pieces of rope for related requirements and limit any sharing or hand-off of items. This is one example of ways to limit risk of infections.

## Campfires

- Each participant should bring their own camp chair with their name to help maintain social distancing around campfires.
- Avoid close contact acting for skits.
- Based on the known risks of the spread of germs, singing or cheers are not recommended at campfires unless both physical distancing can be observed, and face coverings are worn.

## Axes

- The handles of all wood tools must be disinfected after each use by an individual. It is strongly recommended that everyone bring and use their own work gloves to do ancillary work in the axe yard. DO NOT WEAR GLOVES WHEN USING AN AXE.

## **Inclement Weather**

- If it rains for the duration of the camping, camping should be cancelled or postponed.
- Under severe weather conditions during the camping weekend, participants may need to occupy a house, dining hall and porches. Face coverings should be worn in those instances. After the extreme weather condition has passed, everyone should return to current safe distancing guidelines.

## **Illness while at Camp**

- Persons feeling ill during camping shall be immediately isolated by the unit leader and returned home as soon as possible. If the symptoms fall within the affirmative criteria for COVID-19, ALL unit/group activities must stop and the group must depart the camp. All should then quarantine and if symptoms develop, be tested for COVID-19

## **At the end of the Stay**

- All trash should be considered contaminated; participants should wear disposable gloves whenever handling trash, and must take their trash with them or place in designated dumpsters (if provided).
- Everyone must wash/sanitize their hands prior to getting into vehicles to head home.