

2021 Summer Camp COVID-19 Precautions for Rodney Scout Reservation

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When attending any event, there is the potential risk of an outbreak or transmission of communicable disease including COVID-19.

The efforts of the Del-Mar-Va Council and Rodney Scout Reservation detailed in this document are in place to help mitigate that risk.

Since the start of the pandemic, we have hosted several in-person events and we continue to be open for weekend camping. These events have not had any known cases of COVID-19 transmission in large part because of the mitigation strategies we have strictly followed.

The State of Maryland has rescinded the restriction on out of state campers for Summer Youth Resident Camps that was in place in 2020. The State has requested that Youth Camps follow the most up-to-date guidelines provided by the CDC for Summer Camps.

These guidelines will be followed and have aided in our preparations for summer, although in some cases we will enforce stricter policies with safety in mind.



COVID-19 Pre-Camp Precautions

VACCINATIONS

If eligible, campers, leaders and family members should get fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Ideally, wait 2 weeks after completing vaccination for COVID-19 before traveling to camp.

If vaccinated, please attach a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination card to your medical form.

REDUCE EXPOSURE PRE-CAMP

We request that campers, leaders, and their families, follow the CDC [guidance for travelers](#) in the 14 days before camp arrival to reduce exposure to COVID-19. We ask any unvaccinated campers and leaders to engage in a 2-week pre-arrival behavioral quarantine that includes physical distancing, mask wearing when not at home, avoiding unnecessary travel, and refraining from indoor social gatherings with people outside of their households.

This more than any other single measure will have the largest reduction of risk to our camp community. Please ensure that every family understands their role in the safety of the entire camp population.

PARENTS & VISITORS IN CAMP

In order to limit potential exposures in camp, parents who are not registered to attend camp as leaders will be limited to the camp parking lots. They may not travel with Scouts to the campsite on arrival or departure.

Dinner on Friday will be limited to the regular camp participants (no visitors).

Visitors to camp will happen only on an extremely limited basis.



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TEMPERATURE CHECKS

Units must check every participant's temperature prior to traveling to camp. Camp staff will check everyone's temp during medical recheck at camp on your arrival day. Anyone with a temp of 100.5 or higher will not be allowed to attend or stay in camp.

PRE-SCREENING CHECKLIST

Every participant must complete the pre-screening checklist found on the last page of this document prior to participation. This document will be reviewed by camp medical personnel upon arrival. To expedite check-in have a copy of the Pre-Screening Checklist for each participant attached to their medical form.

DAILY SYMPTOM CHECKS

Every day each Scout, leader and staff member will be re-checked for symptoms using the questions found on the Medical Screening Checklist. Any individual who is found to have symptoms will be medically isolated and taken to the camp Health Lodge for further screening.

COVID-19 COMPLIANCE LEADER

Each unit will be required to designate a COVID-19 Compliance Leader. This Leader will be responsible for completing the daily temperature checks and screening questions.

A required training will be held virtually on Tuesday, May 25th at 7:30p.m. This training will be required for the Compliance Leader of each unit. If a Leader for your unit is not able to make the virtual training, another opportunity to be trained will be provided on the Sunday of your week in camp.

COVID-19 Compliance Leader Training

Tuesday, May 25 · 7:30 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/puh-fspt-aam>



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COVID-19 In-Camp Precautions

COHORTING

Once in camp, all Scouts and leaders that reside in a campsite will be considered part of the same "household" or cohort. If two Troops camp in the same site they are part of the same "household" or cohort. Program participation will be by buddies or groups from within the same "household".

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Practice physical distancing whenever possible.
(>6 feet between individuals)

Scouts and leaders should bring camp chairs to allow additional social distancing in programs.

FACE MASKS

Face masks must be worn when participants are not in their campsite (household). Masks must be worn when inside any camp building.

Bring at least one clean mask for each day in camp. Manufacturers guidelines for replacing masks must be followed.

REMAIN OUTDOORS, STAY SAFE

The risk of transmission is significantly decreased when outdoors. Being outdoors is conducive to the programs we have in place and adjustments will be made, where possible, to keep participants outdoors as much as possible.

SHARED INDOOR SPACES

In common shared indoor spaces such as the Administration Building, Trading Posts and Health Lodge, we will maintain a regular cleaning and disinfecting schedule. In addition to fogging these areas with disinfectant, commercial grade UV Light Air Scrubbers have been installed directly into the HVAC systems.

In an effort to limit indoor exposures, our Leaders' Lounge inside Brown Lodge will be closed this summer. Outdoor spaces with WiFi access will be made available throughout camp.



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COMFORT STATIONS

Our full-time, resident Camp Custodians will thoroughly disinfect and clean all shared restrooms, including the comfort stations, at least twice daily. This process will include the use of a commercial grade disinfectant sprayer/fogger that will send disinfectant into all areas of the Comfort Station.

TRANSPORTATION

Encourage each family group to travel separately. If not possible, limit the number of passengers per vehicle and travel with windows open or air system set to un-recirculated air. All passengers and driver should wear face masks while in the vehicle. When traveling to and from camp avoid stops that are not necessary. (i.e. to convenience stores for snacks)

HAND HYGIENE

Perform regular and vigilant hand hygiene. Wash your hands often. When washing your hands, scrub with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer when washing is not an option. Hand sanitizer will be readily available throughout camp including in each campsite, program area, and the dining hall.

We encourage Troops and individuals to bring additional hand sanitizer for when needed and not near the camp supplied products..

EQUIPMENT & PROGRAM SUPPLIES

Avoid sharing tools and equipment with others if it can be avoided. If shared, disinfect before and after each use. Staff will maintain a strict sanitizing schedule for any shared items.



COVID-19 Sleeping Precautions

TENTING

Current CDC guidelines recommend that when sharing a tent, that occupants sleep in a head-to-toe manner. When weather allows, the walls of the tents should also be rolled up for better ventilation.

We welcome and encourage Troops to elect a one person per tent policy, but those Troops will have to provide additional tents to supplement the number in each campsite. Camp will provide at least one tent for every two Scouts. Camp will also provide at least one tent for every two leaders where cabins are not provided.

LEADER CABINS

Current CDC and Maryland Health Department guidelines allow sharing a cabin at 50% occupancy, occupants must sleep in a head-to-toe manner.

In an effort to reduce potential exposures in camp, only vaccinated leaders may stay inside the leader cabins.

We again welcome and encourage Troops to elect having their leaders sleep in tents even if a cabin is provided, but those Troops will have to provide additional tents to supplement the number in each campsite. Camp will provide at least one tent for every two Scouts.

HAMMOCKS

Sleeping in a hammock on a summer night is a great way to enjoy the bay breeze and stay physically distanced from others. Most of our sites do provide sufficient trees for many Scouts and leaders to utilize hammocks for this purpose.

Please make sure to protect our trees with the use of tree wraps. Absolutely no stacking of hammocks is allowed.



COVID-19 Dining Precautions

DINING HALL MEALS

The traditional style of Family Dining with waiters will not be used this summer. Instead, all meals will be served by our Food Service Team in a cafeteria style, socially distanced line. Disposable plates, bowls, and plasticware will be utilized.

We ask every Scout and leader to bring their water bottle for use in the Dining Hall. Filling Stations will be available at both entry and exit.

Meals will be served and eaten using time slots to allow for proper social distancing in the Dining Hall. Your Troop will be assigned a time to arrive for each meal. Limited picnic tables for outdoor seating when the weather allows it will be available. Units may elect to pick-up their meals and take them outdoors or back to their campsites for consumption.

After-meal program (songs & cheers) will not happen this year. We encourage every Troop to find alternate ways to celebrate the joy and excitement of camp.

HEATERSTACK MEALS

Heaterstack style dining will remain in use for all Troops camping on the Lenape side of camp. Camp will continue to provide hot meals delivered to your site from the Dining Hall by our Commissioner staff.

Please make sure to utilize cafeteria style service instead of buffet style service in your site.

COMMISSARY STYLE MEALS

Some Troops may choose to switch to Commissary style dining. This is the option where Troops opt out of camp provided meals and do all the shopping and cooking themselves in their site. Troops that choose this option receive a \$50 discount on their camp fees.

Please make sure to utilize cafeteria style service instead of buffet style service in your site.



COVID-19 Program Precautions

PROGRAM CHANGES

In order to limit the chances of spreading illness and to ensure the integrity of contact tracing, should it be needed, we are not able to offer any "Open" activities.

All Evening Program activities will have to be signed up for by household (campsite/unit). This includes both traditional signup activities like the Bay Hike and Tubing as well as traditionally "open" programs like Open Swim and Open Shoot.

The 2021 RSR Program Schedule will be updated and sent out to reflect the new offerings.

NO WALK-IN PARTICIPATION

In an effort to allow for contact tracing if needed all Merit Badge programs, Brownsea, ACE and any trainings will be by signup only. Please make sure to register for programs before the Saturday prior to your arrival in camp. No walk-ins will be allowed.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Troops should ensure that all Scouts are participating in programs as buddy pairs or groups. Doing so will make sure Scouts have a buddy from their "household" whenever doing activities that require a buddy (i.e. Lifesaving MB).

CAMP CHAIRS ARE A MUST

In an effort to keep Scouts physically distanced in classes please make sure that EVERY Scout and leader brings a camp chair.

NO BIKES

With every Scout needing to carry a camp chair to classes it is unsafe to allow those same Scouts to be riding a bike while carrying a camp chair. As such no bikes will be allowed in camp this year outside of Cycling MB.

If a Scout would like to bring their own bike for use in Cycling MB they will need to check it in with the Health & Fitness Director.



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COVID-19 Communications

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE IS SYMPTOMATIC?

In the event that a Scout, leader or staff member becomes symptomatic, they will be medically isolated and taken to the Health Lodge for further screening.

Our Camp Health Officers will make a determination (leaning to the side of caution) and send the individual home if necessary.

If an individual is sent home due to COVID-like symptoms we will conduct contact tracing. Any unvaccinated individual who is deemed to have had close contact with the removed symptomatic individual will additionally be removed from camp. "Close Contact" is defined as being unmasked within 6 feet of an individual for 15 minutes or more in a 24 hour period.

Typical "close contacts" would include tent and cabinmates. Strong masking and physical distancing policies will reduce the number of potential "close contacts".

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE TESTS COVID-19 POSITIVE?

While we make every effort to reduce possible exposures it is possible that an individual who attends camp may test positive for COVID-19 after they leave camp. If that happens, once camp is informed, we will email all attendees who were in camp with that individual to inform them of the positive test result. We cannot and will not inform others of that individual's name, Troop, or other personal information.



Model COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Use this checklist to assist in identifying potential COVID-19 cases before event participation.

Review with each youth and adult participant their current health status, both before departure and upon arrival at the event. **Anyone entering a camp or event – including visitors, vendors, etc. – must be screened.**

Councils should customize with input from their council health supervisor and local health department.

- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact*](#) in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact*](#) with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?
- Yes No Has anyone in your household been exposed to an individual known or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Yes No Have you or has anyone you have been in [close contact*](#) with traveled on a cruise ship or internationally or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the past 14 days?

***According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “close contact” means:**

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you

If the answer is YES to any one of the five questions above, the participant must stay home.

If all answers above are NO, proceed to the symptoms list below.

Symptoms of COVID-19

*If anyone in your household has **any one** of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, **the entire household must stay home.***

- Shortness of breath**
- Cough**
- Fever of 100.0° or greater**
- Flu-like symptoms**
- Repeated shaking with chills**
- Fatigue**
- Muscle or body aches**
- Headache**
- Sore throat**
- Loss of taste or smell**
- Diarrhea**
- Nausea or vomiting**

****Potential Higher-Risk Individuals****

- Yes No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the [CDC guidelines](#), including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

If the answer is “yes,” we recommend that you stay home.

Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your health care provider.