

2021 Summer Resident Camp Covid-19 Precautions for Henson 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 Henson Scout Reservation detailed in this document are in place to help mitigate that risk. Since the start of the pandemic, Henson has hosted several in-person events and continues 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. These events included Cub Family Day, Monthly 3rd Saturday Merit Badge Days (shown above), Order of the Arrow Service Days and Weekends, and the 2021 Southern Klondike Derby (Shown above).

The State of Maryland has rescinded the restriction on out of state campers for Summer Youth Resident Camps that was in place in 2020.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.



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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 Sunday will be limited to the regular camp participants (no visitors).

Visitors to camp will happen on an extremely limited basis.



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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 for each participant attached to their medical form.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS

Units must check every participant's temperature prior to traveling to camp. Temps will be re-checked each day in camp and logged by a unit leader. Anyone with a temp of 100.5 or higher will not be allowed to attend or stay in camp.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

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

FACE MASKS

Face masks must be worn when participants are not in their campsite (household) or when it is not safe to do so during an activity such as swimming. Masks must be worn when inside buildings such as the Trading Post or Dining Hall.

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

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.



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COVID-19 COMPLIANCE LEADER

Each unit will be required to designate a C19 Compliance Leader. This Leader, among other things, will be responsible for completing the daily temperature checks and screening questions.

A required training will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 26th 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.

C19 Compliance Leader Training

Wednesday, May 26 · 7:30 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jke-wiji-pez>

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.

5th period and Evening Program activities will have to be signed up for by household (campsite/unit).

The 2021 HSR Merit Badge Schedule will be updated and sent out to reflect the new offerings.

MERIT BADGE REGISTRATIONS

It is the responsibility of the unit to ensure that all Scouts are registered for periods 1 through 4 prior to the start of camp. Walk-ins and schedule changes will not be allowed. There will be no Merit Badge Midway like in years past.



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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 to camp. Scouts will be responsible for transporting that chair with them to merit badge classes.

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. Therefore, for this summer, no bikes will be allowed in camp.

GAGA BALL

For a number of years now GaGa Ball has been a favorite activity for many Scouts. The nature of GaGa Ball will not allow us to have the pits open continuously during summer camp. Instead, units will be able to sign-up for pre-determined time slots to reserve the GaGa Ball Pits. Playing will be restricted to members of that unit only and adult supervision from adult leaders will be required.

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.



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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.

COMFORT STATIONS

Our full-time, resident Camp Custodian 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.

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 and Trading Post, 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.

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)



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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. Campers are encouraged to bring their water bottle to all meals for use in getting a drink.

Depending on the overall number of campers each week, meals may be served and eaten in shifts to allow for proper social distancing in the Dining Hall. Picnic tables for outdoor seating when the weather allows it will be available.

Units may elect to pick-up their meals and take them back to their campsites for consumption.



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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.



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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.

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