



How will camp be safe this summer

We know the importance of getting our youth outdoors this summer and involved in our program of adventure. We are taking every step to ensure that this summer will be safe and fun for our campers. Our camps will look a little different than what we are used to, but they will still be awesome! We are instituting nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) in order to keep our camp community safe and healthy. These NPIs have been promoted by federal agencies and are listed in the American Camp Association Field Guide to Camp. The multi-layered approach of the NPI strategy proves effective and reduces risk of transmission.

The states of New York and New Jersey and the Department of Health will likely release regulations that must be followed for our summer camp operation. The below list is what we expect, and will change as we have more information from the state.

Pre-Camp screening check list:

Each camper will be required to complete a pre-event medical screening checklist to ensure that it is safe to attend.

PPE:

Every Scout, volunteer and staff member will always be required to wear a mask in public spaces.

Ventilation of indoor spaces:

Dining Halls and large indoor spaces will be open and ventilated to allow air flow and clean air into the space.

Daily Health Screenings:

Upon arrival at camp, our medical staff will perform a check in health screening. Additionally, unit leaders at overnight camps will be given a daily check list to assess the health of each camper daily.

Disinfecting and Cleaning:

All touched program equipment, bathrooms and other high touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected on a routine basis.

Altered Activities and Physical Distancing:

Physical activities such as field sports will be changed to limit contact. Campers and staff will maintain a safe physical distance of 6 feet.

Cohorts:

Units are encouraged to have Scouts keep their buddies matched the entire stay in camp to limit contact transmission. Troops should also plan to use the Patrol method when in camp. Tent capacities may be limited based upon state regulations.

Hand Washing and Sanitizing:

Hand sanitizer will be provided at all bathrooms and program areas. Scouts will be reminded to wash their hands and keep proper hygiene.

Adjusted Food Service:

Mealtimes may be expanded to have assigned time slots to allow for physical distancing. Self-serve salad bars will not be in place this summer.

Pre-Camp Preparation:

We strongly encourage that 10 days prior to attending camp all participants stay close to home and adhere to all CDC guidelines and not interact with large groups to not increase risk of infection. All Campers may be required to test for Covid-19 prior to arrival at camp.

No Unexpected or Unscheduled Visitors:

Unexpected or unscheduled visitors can increase the risk of infection and break our "camp bubble." We highly recommend and discourage visitors and may prohibit while at camp.

Leaving Camp:

We strongly discourage any Leaders or Youth leaving camp during your stay for any reason. This will help to keep contact transmission a low risk.

