



### **Should there be COVID screenings prior to camp?**

YES. Prior to arriving at any camp check-in, each camper should be required to complete a daily health screening attestation for 14 days. The screening will include tracking the camper's temperature, monitoring for symptoms, and reporting if any person in their immediate household who has been exposed to COVID-19. There should also be temperature screenings at check-in. Campers who refuse to be screened at arrival, who display common COVID symptoms, or who answer "yes" to any of questions from the 14-day daily screening should not be allowed to attend camp.

### **What are the Check-In procedures at camp if a camper is driven to camp by a parent/guardian?**

Please be sure to complete the pre-camp health screening information. If the camper knows that they cannot pass the screening, please advise them to not come to camp. Email [info@girlscoutscoc.org](mailto:info@girlscoutscoc.org) and we will refund the camper's registration fee.

Check-in times should be staggered to prevent long lines of vehicles. Families dropping off multiple campers assigned to multiple check-in times should choose the time for their youngest camper.

Check-in at camp should involve a health screening, provision of medications, and talking with camp leadership to address any questions. As an added precaution for other campers and staff, ask that campers and their accompanying adult(s) wear masks until they are back in their car and campers are walked into camp. Campers should have one adult accompany them through the health screening. The adult must also wear a mask until they return to their vehicle. If either the camper or adult are found to have a temperature of 100.4 or higher, show symptoms of COVID-19, or answer "yes" to any questions on the screening questionnaire, the camper cannot be able to proceed through the check-in process and unable to attend camp that week.

### **What are the Check-Out procedures for campers who will be picked up at camp by a parent/guardian?**

Check-out times should be the same as a camper's arrival time. Ask to have ID ready to present to camp staff and a pen to allow greater efficiency. Have them arrive during the designated time window and the camper should be waiting.

### **Will campers and staff have to wear masks?**

Campers and staff will wear a mask any time they are six feet or closer to any other camper or staff unless it is unsafe for them to do so. Masks will not be worn when eating, drinking, sleeping, showering, or participating in water activities.

### **Will physical distancing be enforced?**

Campers and staff will work to maintain a minimum six-foot distance from campers and staff outside of their unit.

### **What are the cleaning processes at camp?**

In addition to our already robust cleaning program, add additional cleaning steps. Cabins, indoor facilities, bathrooms, and program areas must be sanitized several times each day.

Deep cleaning and sanitizing of all spaces should be completed after use by each unit. During the day, volunteers should also frequently clean and sanitize high touch surfaces, such as door handles. All campers and volunteers should wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer between activities.

It is still important that campers learn responsibility and important life skills, such as cleaning their cabins, tents or restrooms. These activities are called “kapers” in the Girl Scout tradition and are an important facet of group living. Campers should take turns maintaining their cabins and surrounding area once each day. Campers should be tasked with sweeping and wiping surfaces with disinfectant. Gloves and disposable masks should be worn during kapers.

### **How will campers sleep in cabins and/or tents?**

Each tent\cabin should be restricted to half of normal capacity, allowing for at least six feet between sleepers. Ensure that campers arrange themselves head-to-toe for increased distance and safety.

### **How will campers safely fill water bottles?**

Campers should bring their own water bottle and fill it several times each day. Designated water stations around camps should be used for filling water bottles and have appropriate signage, as well as be monitored by staff\volunteers.

### **Can campfires still happen?**

We want to keep everyone safe and healthy, while continuing to create the magic and community that makes camp special. All groups should have the opportunity to attend campfire programs where volunteers, staff and campers sing songs and perform skits. Groups should be seated according to physical distancing guidelines and gathering areas should be disinfected between each use. All campers, volunteers and staff should wear masks during the campfire program.

### **What should COVID precautions be like in some of the program areas?**

- Archery: Each camper should be assigned her own quiver of arrows to use over the course of her archery time. Bows should be wiped down between camper use and arrows wiped down between camper groups.
- Arts & Crafts: Paint brushes used by each group must be rinsed and placed in a sanitizing bucket to be recycled for use the next day. All other shared supplies must be wiped down between use. Only one unit will be able to participate in arts/crafts at any one time, and activities will take place outside whenever possible. Activities that require shared equipment (such as magnifying glasses, water testing kits, etc.) should be used by only one group at a time and should be scheduled so that equipment and areas can be sanitized between groups.
- Climbing Tower/Low Ropes Course: No more than one group at a time can participate at the climbing tower and/or low ropes activities. Activities must be scheduled so that equipment and areas can be sanitized between groups.
- Swimming and Boating: No more than one unit can participate in swimming or boating at one time. Waterfront activities must be scheduled so that equipment and areas can be sanitized between groups.

### **What happens if someone experiences or exhibits coronavirus symptoms while at camp?**

To investigate any suspected symptoms of Covid-19 that appear during the camp day, volunteers\staff will use full PPE, including N95 mask, gloves, face shields, and plastic gown. First, staff will address immediate health needs: for example, if severe shortness of breath, calling 911 or taking to urgent care/emergency room. If no

emergency or urgent care is required, campers showing symptoms will isolate with two staff\volunteers wearing full PPE in the isolation room in the Health Center while waiting for parents/caregivers to arrive to pick-up. Camp should recommend that any camper exhibiting symptoms be seen by a health care provider and requests tests for any campers and staff who display symptoms.

Anyone sent home with symptoms (or who has exhibited symptoms) must wait 72 hours after the last symptom has disappeared and at least 10 days before onset of symptoms -OR- prove a negative test result before being able to return to camp. The remaining camp session(s) will be pro-rated and refunded.

If a camper or staff in a unit has been sent home with symptoms, please contact the Council immediately to assist and support. Council will start to contact trace and communicate with the other campers' parents/guardians in that group. If a camper volunteer or staff in a unit has tested positive for Covid-19, we will contact them (the name of the individual will be withheld to maintain confidentiality) and ask them to return home and quarantine for 14 days. The remaining camp session(s) will be pro-rated and refunded. The Camp and GSCCC will cooperate with the County Health Department as needed.

### **Have the camp staff\volunteers need to be vaccinated?**

Due to GSCCC's Confidentiality Policy and HIPPA privacy rules, we are unable to disclose whether staff or volunteers have or have not received the vaccine. However, GSCCC highly encourages all staff\volunteers to be vaccinated. Health checks of camp staff\volunteers will be conducted regularly.

Camp staff\volunteers will be asked to follow the same safety and health screenings prior to arriving to camp for training.

### **Are there additional COVID resources related to summer camps?**

YES. We recommend the CDC's [guidance for summer camps](#) and the American Camp Association's [camp operations guide](#).

Thank you for all that you do for our girls, volunteers and Council!



Tammie Helmuth  
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