

Safety Protocols During COVID-19 for Day Camps

As we plan to operate day camps this summer, we have established a set of safety protocols that must be followed by everyone attending a GSOH day camp. It is not our intention to hinder the enjoyment of the day camp experience but to keep everyone as safe as possible while having an outdoor opportunity. COVID-19 has changed our way of life as we know it right now and adjustments need to continue to be made by everyone to help keep our entire community safe and diminish the spread of the virus.

Adjustments are being made to foster social distancing through limiting camp capacities, adjusting unit sizes and providing cleaning supplies. The following is what is asked of each person, children and adults, who attend GSOH day camps. Please be aware that additional protocols may be in place at some of our camps based on the regulations provided by the owners of the facilities. It is our hope that mandates and protocols might lessen as the vaccination rollout continues in our communities. We will continue to monitor all federal, state and local regulations and advise our participants if there are changes needed. For participants, the most up-to-date version will be included with the Camper Letter that is sent out two weeks prior to the camp session.

These guidelines will be provided to council staff with day camp responsibilities, volunteer day camp personnel, and parents/guardians of children registered for a day camp session at any GSOH day camp. They will also be made available to the owner operators of all non-owned council day camp sites.

General

Face Masks

- Everyone will need to bring at least two face masks with them to camp every day. One should be worn and the other should be safely tucked away as a spare. It would be a good idea to keep the spare in a Ziploc bag to avoid dirt and dampness.
- Everyone should have a face mask on while riding in a car with anyone who is not in their immediate family group. This applies to all carpooling to and from camp. This also applies for those riding the buses to some of our camps.
- Masks are required when inside facilities (buildings, yurts and tents) by all participants unless sleeping, eating or showering.
- When outdoors, masks are required unless participants can remain at least six feet apart. Wearing rules may vary depending on the activity.
 - For activities such as archery, when an instructor may need to be close to aid an individual, masks should be worn. If the instructor and participants can remain distant, masks can be optional outdoors.
 - During some activities, such as swimming, canoeing or using the sprayground, masks can be optional. Social distance should still be maintained.
- We ask that everyone wearing a mask outside be conscious to drink extra water and self-monitor for heat exhaustion.

Handwashing/Sanitizing

- Hand sanitizer or soap and water will be available at camp in the kitchen areas, restrooms and wash stations.
- The council will provide hand sanitizer to all camps. We do encourage you to have some extra on hand as each camp and group will use a different amount.
- Hand sanitizer should also be available at activities where equipment is shared.
- Everyone should thoroughly wash hands with soap and water after bathroom use, before and after food preparation, after being outdoors, and periodically throughout the day.

Social Distancing (All)

- Appropriate signage to encourage social distancing has been placed throughout council properties and will be provided if non-owned sites do not have appropriate postings.
- Unit size for all camps will be a maximum of 10 people in adherence with the governor's current mandate. This generally means that units will be eight camper and two adults or seven campers, a program aide and two adults. Social distancing guidelines will still be adhered to within each unit.
- For all-camp activities such as flag ceremony, participants should social distance as much as possible, with particular attention paid to ensuring that individual camp units are not mixing.

Prior to Camper Arrival

Before Leaving for Camp – Health Assessments by All Participants

- Each day camp attendee should check their temperature before departing their house. If anyone's temperature is 100° or higher, they should not be attending that day.
- If someone is not feeling well, they should stay home.
- All day camp participants must be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication, before returning to camp.
- Please contact your day camp director if a participant is unable to attend camp. Contact information is provided in the Camper Letter that will be emailed two weeks prior to the camp session.

Camp Preparation – Cleaning Upon Arrival and Departure (supplies will be provided by council and/or the site).

- Upon arrival at camp, time must be taken to thoroughly clean all surfaces that have the potential of being used/touched. This should include, but is not limited to:
 - Door handles and railings (inside and out).
 - Restrooms – toilets, sinks and counters.
 - Kitchen – countertops and appliance handles.
 - Tables.
 - Cots/mattresses.
 - Pump handles.
 - Other high contact areas.

- Before leaving, all surfaces mentioned above should be cleaned again in addition to any other spaces requested by the individual facility. Remember that “Girl Scouts always leave a place better than they found it.”

Drop-Off Procedures

- All individuals, both parents/guardians and children, must have facemasks on upon their arrival at camp and during the check-in process.
- Upon arrival at camp, the temperatures of all individuals, both volunteers and campers, will be taken. If an individual’s temperature is 100° or higher, they may not stay at camp.
- All temperature information will be recorded utilizing the CampDoc health records system.
- All campers should be properly signed in by the person dropping them/bringing them to camp. Pens should be rotated out and cleaned once someone has used it.
- Once cleared to stay at camp, all participants should immediately wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.

During the Day

Restrooms

- Monitor restroom capacity to ensure social distancing. Children should not be congregating in the restrooms.
- Appropriate signage should be placed in or near all restrooms to require people to wash their hands thoroughly before exiting the area.
- Restrooms should be thoroughly cleaned morning and evening. In addition, high contact areas should be disinfected several times during the day.

Activity Stations (All)

- Most day camp activity areas will be held outside utilizing picnic shelters and open spaces.
- If an activity station must be held inside, all doors and windows should remain open to incorporate fresh air.
- Activity areas should be spaced to allow for social distancing.
- If enough supplies are available to avoid sharing, this is the best option.
- In cases where items must be shared, all items should be cleaned between users. Specific guidelines for cleaning at some of the popular camp activities include:
 - **Archery**
 - All bows, arrows, wrist guards and fingerguards must be wiped down between every user.
 - All participants should sanitize their hands before and after shooting.
 - **Canoeing (Beckoning Trails, Crooked Lane, Ken-Jockey, Infirmary Mound and Logan Valley)**
 - All paddles and lifejackets must be disinfected between users.

- Goggles, thwarts and seats of each canoe should be disinfected between users.
 - All participants should sanitize their hands after canoeing.
- **Crafts**
 - Each person should be given their own supplies as much as possible.
 - If items are shared, they need to be wiped down between users.
 - Tables should be wiped down between users.
- **Creeking**
 - If equipment is used, it must be disinfected between users.
 - Participants should remain socially distanced while in and around the creek.
- **Hiking**
 - Be sure to social distance as you hike.
 - Do not pass items around for each person to handle unless the item can be wiped down between each user.
- **Overnights**
 - Overnights are not currently being permitted at day camps this summer.
- **Sprayground (Crooked Lane)**
 - If the sprayground is used, the capacity numbers should be small groups to maintain social distancing.
 - One adult should be responsible for pushing the “On” button. If this responsibility changes hands, the button should be wiped down between users.
- **Swimming (Ken-Jockey, Molly Lauman and Wooster)**
 - High contact areas within the pool area will be cleaned by pool staff between groups.
 - Restroom changing areas will be cleaned between swim sessions.
 - Lifeguards will monitor the swimming area to ensure that social distancing is being maintained in the pool.
 - Adult volunteers should monitor the pool deck area to ensure that social distancing is being maintained for those not swimming. Masks should be worn by participants who are not swimming.

Meal and Snack Preparation

- This is an area requiring extreme caution and diligence. Girl Scouts have always been advocates of “learn by doing” but currently that philosophy creates more risk exposure to everyone.
- Anyone involved in food and drink preparation and serving must be wearing a mask and gloves.
- It is best to serve food to everyone rather than having multiple people touch the serving utensils.
- Utensils should be handed to each participant. Communal stations for utensils should not be used.
- Items such as milk cartons, condiment containers, salt and pepper shakers should not be touched by multiple people unless items are wiped between users.
- Space tables and participants to maximize the distance between people.

- Eat outside if possible. This is a time when masks cannot be worn while inside so eating outside and social distancing helps to minimize risk exposure. You may consider eating in shifts if space is a concern.
- Thoroughly wipe down all tables, counters and kitchen surfaces after meals.

First Aid Station

- All first aid stations must be monitored by an adult who is currently certified in First Aid/CPR/AED.
- The first aider must be properly gloved and masked for all first aid procedures.
- It is imperative that this area is always kept clean and sanitized.
- If the cot is used, it must be sanitized thoroughly prior to its next use.
- All materials used for first aid procedures must be properly disposed of per proper medical procedures.
- If more than one person is in the first aid area, all efforts should be made to maintain social distancing and masks should be worn unless they interfere with the person's care and safety.
- If a participant's temperature is 100° or higher, parents/guardians must be called to pick up the child. They should remain isolated with a mask on until they are picked up.

Camper Pick-Up/Departure of Volunteers

- All participants must wash their hands prior to being picked up.
- All campers must be properly signed out on utilizing the CampDoc record system. Pens should be rotated out and cleaned once someone has used it.

Confirmed Cases

- If any day camp has a confirmed case of COVID-19, the following steps will be taken:
 - The volunteer day camp director will immediately contact the council day camp senior program manager.
 - The following council staff will then be alerted:
 - Girl Experience Director – responsible for ensuring parents/guardians of day campers are notified.
 - Human Resources Director – responsible for contacting the mandated local and state agencies.