

WINTER CAMP & COVID-19

We will be implementing several protocols to help keep everyone as safe as possible and we have been working with the local health department to ensure our protocols are up to date. Updates will be posted and sent via email to those that we have emails and modifications to class locations or schedules may need to be juggled to keep everyone safe.

We wanted to begin preparing you for Winter Camp and what you can expect to help keep everyone healthy. We know that an outdoor program is essential to Scouting and we appreciate you being flexible as we implement some of these enhanced protocols as it will inevitably change some aspects of Winter Camp so we can offer a safe program this year. The safest environment we can provide is only due to a partnership **we create with you.**

The following protocols and updates are intended to keep everyone safe while still providing a fun outdoor program for your Scouts. It will take cooperation **from adult leaders onsite, volunteer staff, the Scouts, and parents/ guardians at home before the event to prepare Scouts of what is expected of their youth while at the event.**

In order to be able to have this event the following protocols will need to be implemented. Anyone knowingly or willfully disregards the protocols will be asked to leave Winter Camp for the safety of all others.

See below for specific items and stay tuned for further updates as they become available. Please see the protocols attached and specific Winter Camp highlights are below:

- Units will be assigned areas to sit while eating and distanced from other units. As a unit is traveling together and camping together, we are considering each troop a "family unit" and allows them to sit together inside the dining hall when eating meals.
- At mealtimes everyone must first wash their hands and will sanitize as they enter. Face coverings **MUST** be worn while indoors (including while going through the meal line) and will space a part as they continue through the line.
- Food will be placed on trays (no buffet lines) and additional items (salad dressings, condiments, etc.) will be single serve. All plates and silverware are single use items. It is highly encouraged that you bring your own water bottle to carry during the day and have with you at mealtimes. This will help reduce the amount of traffic going to get drinks at the same time.
- Units will be asked to eat and clean/ sanitize their area and depart the dining hall so staff can assist the next shift in entering and reduce the number inside the dining hall.
- Emails will be sent out to notify your unit of their meal shift and confirm campsites and review check-in procedures. Due to COVID-19 protocols, our meals may go into two shifts. We will be notifying everyone if that is required. **Merit Badge schedule of offerings will not change**
- Face coverings and 2oz bottle of hand sanitizer will be required of everyone. Face coverings will be required indoors and when 6ft of social distance cannot be achieved. When Scouts (or adults) are traveling between areas (even if outdoors) and are within 6ft face coverings will be required. Onsite adults, staff, and volunteer staff are encouraged to help remind those that may forget at times to vigilantly wear face coverings.

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- Plan on **ARRIVING AS A UNIT** to Winter Camp. The check in process will be longer than in the past and this will make it much easier if the unit arrives together. Have all your paperwork organized to help make check-in go faster. If your unit is not able to caravan together, please coordinate a time to be at Winter Camp at the same time and gather before you begin the check-in process. We will attempt to only check in full units.
- Up to 2 people per unit will be allowed in the check-in area. You may be asked to wait until the unit in front of you is fully checked in so we can distance during this process (face coverings required).
- During this time the rest of the unit may begin moving into the campsite.
- Only designated vehicles will be allowed back into the campsite (a driving pass will be issued). It is asked that Scouts and other adults not driving that vehicle walk to the campsite.
- All attendees (participants and staff) must fill out the COVID-19 Pre-Screen Form – to be filled out within 24 hrs of your arrival at Winter Camp.
- All attendees (participants and staff) must have a [BSA Medical Form](#) on file with parts A,B,&C filled out.
- All MB classes have been capped and we will not go over. If you have Scouts that might prefer other MB instead of these please make those changes. We will be communicating directly with those that this might affect starting next week so that those class numbers are safe.
- Classes will be social distancing as possible.
- Face coverings are required.
- As many classes as possible will meet outdoors under canopies and shelters.