

COVID-19: Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions

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Re: Henderson Scout Reservation, Camp Kingsley, and Day Camps,

The health and safety of our members and staff is of the utmost importance to Leatherstocking Council, Boy Scouts of America. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and the recommendations of not only the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) but also New York State Department of Health and how those recommendations impact summer programs. As the current situation is fluid and constantly changing, please understand that final answers may not be available at this time. We will continue to update this document as changes occur.

March 19 From NYS.gov

- Visit ny.gov/vaccine to get the facts on the COVID-19 Vaccine in New York.
- The new [COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker Dashboard](#) will update New Yorkers on the distribution of the vaccine including the number of doses received by the state, a breakdown of first or second doses, and the number of persons vaccinated with the first and second doses in each region.
- Starting April 1, [domestic travelers will no longer be required to quarantine](#) after entering New York.
- The Open Enrollment Period for uninsured New Yorkers has been extended through May 15, 2021. New Yorkers can apply for coverage through [NY State of Health](#) or directly through insurers.
- If you have been on **quarantine** due to contact with someone known to have COVID-19:
 - a negative test does NOT release you from quarantine.
 - It is essential to wait 10 days full days to make sure that no infection appears, even if you have no symptoms, before being released from quarantine.
 - Quarantine should last 10 days from the last exposure to a person with known COVID-19.
 - In addition, you should continue to monitor yourself for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 for up to 14 days after that last exposure.
 - If you have any questions about your period of quarantine, please call your Local Health Department.

- Health care workers can text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access 24/7 emotional support services. Any New Yorker can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at [1-844-863-9314](tel:1-844-863-9314) for mental health counseling.
- To report violations of health and safety restrictions and requirements for businesses, gatherings and individuals, please choose the appropriate link below:
 - [File a complaint about a business, location or incident in your community.](#)
 - [File a complaint against your employer or place of work.](#)

Our council's Enterprise Risk Management Committee and summer camp staff continue to monitor state and federal health officials' recommendations. We have committed to providing an update on our 2021 summer camp plans by April 2021. Thank you for your patience as we continue to consider the safest ways to provide the best program possible to your Scouts this summer.

Program Schedules

Q. When will we announce any summer program changes?

A. The COVID-19 situation changes daily. We are monitoring federal, state, and local health agencies. Our council's Risk Management Committee and Health Advisor are providing additional guidance. We are planning for all our summer programs to happen as scheduled and encourage you to do the same. We recognize our Scouts have been inside too long and are looking forward to outstanding Summer Programs starting in June.

Q. If "stay home – stay safe" orders continue into May or June how will that affect June programs?

A. June camp sessions will be evaluated on several factors, including staff availability and time needed for necessary training and camp set-up:

- Henderson Scout Reservation, Camp Kingsley and Day Camps – If we postpone or cancel summer camp, , our council will issue a full refund for the fee paid.

Health and Safety

Q. Will Part C of the BSA Annual Medical and Health Record be required this summer? What if I am unable to obtain a current physician signature?

A. We understand your concerns with obtaining current physician signatures on Part C as many doctor's offices are not scheduling wellness checks, and many families are

concerned with visiting a doctor's office right now. The Boy Scouts of America's National Health and Safety Board is reviewing the Part C requirement. As soon as we receive guidance from the national organization, we will share it with you.

Q. What are you doing to prevent someone from bringing COVID-19 into camp?

A. First, units and families must monitor their personal situation and not let anyone displaying Symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been around anyone with COVID-19 symptoms attend camp. Per BSA policy, all camp attendees receive an individual medical screening, including communicable disease screening, upon arrival at camp. These screenings apply to camp staff, participants, and adult leaders. Individuals who do not pass this screening will be sent home.

Q. What are your plans to clean and sanitize camps?

A. A Scout is CLEAN! Keeping camp areas clean is everyone's responsibility. We are reviewing and updating our camp cleaning policies, with an emphasis on high traffic areas and shared equipment.

Q. Who is guiding your camp health and safety plans?

A. Like all local Scout councils, Leatherstocking Council has an Enterprise Risk Management Committee made up of volunteers in the medical, legal, safety, and insurance fields. This committee routinely reviews all elements of health and safety as they pertain not only to camp, but to all our programs and operations. They are working diligently to provide our council with additional guidance specific to the summer program operations and the current COVID-19 situation.

Q. Our unit is unable to meet and collect payments from families, what can we do?

A. We understand the challenges faced by units not meeting in person. Some units are having parents mail payments to their unit Treasurer. Others have set up Square, Venmo, or PayPal accounts tied to their unit's checking account and allowed parents to submit payment that way.

Q. Are you open for us to mail or drop-off a payment?

A. The Utica Service Center and Scout Shop are open during the week and staff are checking the mail each week. Please note that there will be a delay in processing

mailed checks. We encourage units to utilize credit card and e-check payment methods through our online registration system.

Q. Is there assistance available for families experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19?

A. Yes. We will accept applications for Campership assistance for all our summer events. You may find the Campership assistance request form online.

Q. What is the refund policy if the event gets cancelled?

A. If any of our summer programs are cancelled as a result of COVID-19, any payments made will be subject to full refund automatically.

Q. If the event isn't cancelled but I no longer feel safe sending my child, will I get a refund?

A. You will need to submit a refund request to Thomas.labaweski@scouting.org. The Camp Administrator will review each request on a case-by-case basis taking all factors, including CDC guidelines, into consideration.