



**Camp Cedars**  
Mid-America Council  
May 1, 2020



Good afternoon. Summer Camp leadership hopes that you and your family are doing well in this unique time. COVID-19 has brought unprecedented uncertainty, financial challenges, and impact to our daily lives. The health and safety of our participants and staff is our utmost concern. At this time, the Mid-America Council plans to operate camp in the summer of 2020 if we can do so safely and within the guidelines of the CDC and local health officials.

### **Summer Camp Schedule**

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The summer camp schedule is adjusting. All units currently registered for weeks 1, 2, or 3 will be moved to the weeks identified in the schedule below. Units may choose any week listed below to attend until that week is full. Male and Female Troops are welcome all weeks of the summer. If another week is preferred by the unit, please reach out to [mac@scouting.org](mailto:mac@scouting.org).

Staff training – June 21-26

Week 1 – June 28 - July 3

Week 5 – July 5-10 (same as scheduled)

Week 6 – July 12-17 (same as scheduled)

Week 2 – July 19-24

Week 3 – July 26-31

### **Our unit can't attend the new dates. What are our options?**

Units may choose any week of summer camp to attend until that week is full. Camp leadership can move your current registration to another week.

### **What if my Scout can't attend the week our unit is attending summer camp?**

Scouts can attend summer camp provisionally. Camp will pair the Scouts to a host unit to assist with adult leadership and camp in their campsite. If the Scout is already registered with their unit, an individual Scout can be moved to another session without having to reregister.

### **What if our unit can't provide enough adult leadership to attend camp?**

There are commonly multiple units sharing a campsite. Camp leadership can pair together two units to provide enough adult leadership or provide camp staff to help with adult supervision. Please inform camp leadership of this need within 2 weeks of arrival to camp.

### **Camp Fee and Refund Policy**

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\$310 is the camp rate for all Scouts. There will not be a late fee this summer.

June 15 deadline:

- Free t-shirt for youth who are paid in full
- Scouts not paid in full will be removed from programs
- Scouts not paid \$100 deposit will be removed from the registration

**Refund Policy:**

100% refund up until 2 weeks prior to start of session.

Within 2 weeks of session:

    \$60 per Cedars youth cancellation fee

Please request a refund through completing an online form available May 8<sup>th</sup>.

If camp can't be offered for any reason, there will be 100% refund provided.

**Changes to Weekly Schedule**

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Camp Cedars weekly schedule has been adjusted to deep clean throughout camp between sessions and limit large group settings. Units can arrive to camp on Sundays between 3 pm and 6 pm. Camp will provide more details for an adjusted check-in process at a later update.

Camp program will conclude Friday morning and units will depart between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. There will be no program offered Friday morning.

**Will the cost of camp be adjusted as units will depart Friday instead of Saturday?**

No. The cost of camp will remain as communicated. Camp will increase expenses towards cleaning supplies, hand washing stations throughout camp, and camp staff resources.

**Program Adjustments**

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Scouts currently registered for programs will move with the change in summer schedule. If units move to another week, camp leadership will try to keep Scouts in their programs as scheduled. If this can't be accomplished, we will communicate this on a case-by-case basis to the registration contact.

The CDC is developing guidelines for summer camps. After reviewing their requirements, camp leadership will communicate how this impacts our summer camp operation.

To limit gathering large groups of people in one location, we are adjusting the following:

Opening campfire: Units will be provided firewood to have a campfire in their campsite.

Flags: Units will conduct morning and evening flags in their campsite. Flagpoles and flags are provided.

Open Swim: More details to come as we get closer to camp and understand group size limit.

Family night / Closing campfire: There will not be family night or closing campfire due to the adjusted schedule and it will not be rescheduled for another night.

Meals: Camp is still seeking guidance on how best to serve meals. An update will be provided as those plans come together. Units can choose to cook their own food in their campsite. Food can either be provided by camp or brought in by the unit. If a unit prefers to cook their own meals, please communicate this at least 3 weeks prior to your arrival. More details to come about meals.

**Will program class sizes be changed?**

We're evaluating each program area and how many people are gathered together. Class locations may adjust to reduce the number of classes taught in proximity. Class sizes may adjust based on state regulations. Fire Safety, Fingerprinting, and Sculpture merit badges commonly have a large amount of people participate. These programs can still be offered in smaller group settings.

### **Will Friday program be moved to other days in the week at camp?**

Chess merit badge will be move to another evening in camp.

Welding merit badge will not be rescheduled.

Aviation flights will not happen during the week at camp, but we are looking into fall opportunities.

Weather field trip will not happen during the week at camp, but we are looking into fall opportunities.

Archaeology field trip will be moved to Thursday during class.

All other Friday open program will not be offered as previously scheduled.

### **What is the status of the Trades program July 5-10?**

The program is still being offered from the Omaha unions. There will not be program on Friday, and the merit badges offered will be confirmed by mid-May.

### **Campsites**

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Camp leadership is reviewing campsite accommodations and social distancing. Units should plan to bring their own tents. Only one person per tent will be allowed unless they are from the same household.

Canvas tents will be available if requested. Platforms will be available to set personal tents on top of.

After adjusting units to their session of choice, camp leadership will review campsite accommodations and ensure adequate space is available in each campsite. Adjustments will be communicated to units directly throughout May.

If the unit chooses, there are other grassy areas around camp that can be established as a campsite.

These camping areas would have a restroom nearby, fire ring, and a canopy for shade (limited quantity available). Units are encouraged to bring canopies, dining flies, or tarps to provide additional shade in their campsite.

If your unit prefers to camp in another area of camp, please communicate this request to [mac@scouting.org](mailto:mac@scouting.org).

### **Health Forms**

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The BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, & C) are still required for attending summer camp. Camp leadership is looking to provide physicals prior to camp. Dates have not been solidified for these. Please continue to communicate with your health provider requesting physical appointments.

### **Health and Safety**

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As always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is our top priority.

Camp facilities and all program areas are being evaluated to ensure hand washing stations are available.

Camp will be deep cleaned between each session and a daily cleaning schedule will be established throughout camp. Program equipment will be cleaned between participants and camp is evaluating programs where equipment is being shared (i.e. chess, COPE. etc.).

Camp is developing health screening guidelines to conduct prior to departing the home and upon arrival to camp. Everyday preventative measures should continue to be followed as listed on the MAC webpage: <https://mac-bsa.org/covid19/>. Scouts and leaders should stay home if they feel sick.

Thank you for understanding these adjustments are for the health and safety of Scouts, adults, and camp staff. Please pass along any questions to [mac@scouting.org](mailto:mac@scouting.org) or [Christine.Sammons@scouting.org](mailto:Christine.Sammons@scouting.org).