



2020 Camp Update – June 2

The leadership of the Mid-America Council has the health and safety of all Scouts, their families, staff, and general public as our highest priority and concern. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this situation as best we can. At this time, we do plan to move forward with the delayed opening of camp as previously communicated. We of course will be monitoring circumstances and adhering to guidance from the CDC, our departments of health, and other health experts to determine whether programs need to be further postponed, cancelled, or adjusted.

As we continue to make plans to operate summer camps please note that like everything in life right now, the plans are subject to change. We can commit that as soon as any changes do occur, we will notify you right away.

Over the last two months, staff and volunteers have been working hard to determine all of the adjustments needed to make camp feasible this summer. Every aspect of camp is impacted from health forms, pre-camp screening, arrival at camp, check-in, campsite space/tenting, shower house use, program schedule, dining hall operations, arrival/departure times, campfires, open programming, and everything in between. All of that to say, while we will offer camp this summer, we are asking for your patience and flexibility as we seek to make camp work within the parameters we are being provided.

The plans as outlined below have been developed using recommendations from the CDC, conversations with local health officials and medical professionals, reviewing by our risk management committee, and input from Scoutmasters. All plans are tentative and the changes outlined below are being made to lower the risk of impact that COVID-19 will have at camp. Each individual and family must make the choice if the changes we are making make it suitable for them and/or their Scout to attend camp. There is a special COVID-19 release form that we are asking all participants to complete to ensure that each family has considered the risks associated with camp this year. [This form](#) will need to be uploaded to your summer camp registration.

If you will no longer be attending camp, please fill out the refund [form here](#) (also found on the camp registration pages) for a 100% refund. So that we can plan, please complete as soon as possible but no later than June 15th.

Please read through the attached information carefully to fully understand what camp will look like this summer. We thank you for your continued involvement in the Scouting program and look forward to serving you this summer or in summers to come. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at mac@scouting.org or 402-431-9272.

Please continue reading the additional pages for Camp Cedars details.

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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.

Primary Highlights in Update:

- **New Camp Schedule** to reduce camper interactions: <https://mac-bsa.org/app/uploads/2020/06/6-1-Weekly-Schedule.pdf>
- **Programs** that don't allow social distancing will not be offered in 2020 including but not limited to shotgun, COPE, lifesaving, CPR skills, cowboy action shoot, and Operation Eagle. Trades Program will not be offered in 2020.
- **Programs offered** will be available by June 8.
- The **dining hall** will be set up for 25% of capacity and units may choose to eat in their campsite.
- **Campsites** will be reassigned after June 15.
- **June 15 deadline:** Scouts receive a free shirt for those paid in full. Scouts not paid in full will be removed from programs.

Medical Screening Process

Prior to departing for camp:

- All participants must review the Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist: <https://mac-bsa.org/app/uploads/2020/06/Pre-Event-Medical-Screening-Checklist.pdf>
- All participants must check their temperature before departure and communicate to you unit and/or driver if your temperature is 100.4° or above.

Upon arrival to camp:

- Temperatures checked for all members in the vehicles at the gate.
 - If anyone's temperature is 100.4° or above, the entire vehicle will be sent home.
 - Temperature will be taken prior to getting out of the vehicle.
- All participants will be asked medical screening questions.

Health Forms

BSA Annual Health and Medical Records (Parts A, B, and C) are still required for all participants attending summer camp. [FORM LINK](#)

- All participants must have Parts A and B completed, signed and dated within two weeks of event. This can be updated by the family, and please complete both pages of Part B.
- Participants with a Part C completed on or after February 1, 2019 is extended until August 31, 2020.
- Participants with no Part C or one prior to Feb. 1, 2019, including new members can attach a completed alternate exam (sports, school, annual well exam at pediatrician) completed on or after February 1, 2019. This will be accepted as a valid Part C.
- Participants who do not meet the criteria above, please contact your health care provider for telephonic well appointment.
- This one-time extension is only valid for Camp Cedars. This does not include NYLT, Wood Badge, or unit activities greater than 72 hours.

Medical forms can be submitted prior to your arrival to camp to speed up your unit's check-in process. All forms will be securely locked and reviewed by the medical team. If there are incomplete forms, the medical team will communicate that to the unit's registration contact after review.

- Up to the Wednesday prior arrival, units can drop off forms to the Durham Scout Center or Sioux City Scout Office.
- Between June 22 and July 22, units can drop off medical forms to Camp Cedars.

At Risk Participants

Participants who fall in the [high-risk category](#) (as defined by the CDC) should have approval from your health care provider. All participants must review the Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist prior to departing for camp: <https://mac-bsa.org/app/uploads/2020/06/Pre-Event-Medical-Screening-Checklist.pdf>

Camp Fee and Refund Policy

\$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

*No cancellation fee for those who don't pass medical screening either before or during camp.

Please request a refund through completing an online form: <https://tinyurl.com/camprefund2020>

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

Camp Cards:

Scouts selling Camp Cards to earn free camp must submit the [Scout Report](#) form to mac@scouting.org.

The temporary camp card credit in the online registration has been removed from Scouts. Scouts will remain in their selected programs. After the camp cards and funds owed are submitted the camp credit will be applied to the Scout. This can be done upon arrival at camp, but we encourage this to be done in advance through the Durham Scout Center or Sioux City Scout Center to speed check-in. Please note that if the turn-in has not happened prior to camp, the camp fee will need to be paid for upon arrival. The free camp incentive can then be applied when the camp card turn-in does happen. If you need the camp card program removed so you can pay for camp, please send a note to mac@scouting.org. For more details about camp cards, please go online to <https://mac-bsa.org/scouting-tools/campcards/>

Program Adjustments

The following provides guidance and procedures to reduce COVID-19 exposure risk to campers and staff while participating in typical camp activities. **Programs that don't allow social distancing will not be offered in 2020 including but not limited to shotgun, COPE, lifesaving, CPR skills, cowboy action shoot, and Operation Eagle.** Camp activities, whether indoor or outdoor, should be limited to small groups, practice physical distancing, and proper hygiene can be practiced. Here is general guidance:

- Campers and staff should wear cloth face coverings during indoor activities when maintaining physical distancing is not maintained due to area limitations.
- All activities that can be moved outdoor will be.

- Ensure enough space to accommodate staff and campers while practicing safe physical distancing.
- Ensure that there is proper ventilation for indoor spaces by maximizing fresh air intake or natural ventilation via screened windows and doors.
- Ensure campers and staff practice proper hand hygiene before and after programs:
 - Instruct campers to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or
 - Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- All shared items and equipment should be properly cleaned and disinfected between use.
 - If feasible, shared equipment should be limited to items that can be effectively cleaned
 - Limit the amount of shared supplies and equipment for activity by providing each participant their own (e.g., life jackets, art supplies) for the duration of camp, if feasible.
- Campers should use an individual refillable water bottle.

In order to limit the number of interactions a Scout has, the camp schedule has changed to a block schedule format, and class capacities have been reduced.

Camp schedule: <https://mac-bsa.org/app/uploads/2020/06/6-1-Weekly-Schedule.pdf>

Programs offered: available by June 8 at <https://mac-bsa.org/camping-outdoors/scouts-bsa-camping/program-offerings/>

- Scouts currently registered in programs still offered will be adjusted accordingly. Scouts from the same unit in similar programs will be kept together if possible.
- The program schedule will be available by June 8.
- Units will not be able to make program edits until June 16 at 4:00 pm.
- Scouts who have not registered for programs or have openings in their schedule will be able to select program on June 16 at 4:00 pm.
- The program schedule is subject to change.

Limiting Large Group Gatherings

- Units will be provided firewood to have a campfire in their campsite.
- Units will conduct morning and evening flags in their campsite. Flagpoles and flags are provided.
- Units can sign up for open swim in the evenings.
- Evening program will be limited.

Off Site Activities

- The Trades Program will not be offered in 2020 (scheduled for July 5-10)
- The ATV program will be operated out of Cedars.
- The only off-site program offered will be aviation flights.
- All other off-site activities will not be offered.

Campsites

Campsites will be reviewed after June 15 and communicated to units at least 10 days prior to arriving to camp. Each campsite will have a maximum of two units per campsite. If two units share the same campsite, both units will be from the same district. Only designated staff may visit a campsite. 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 to mac@scouting.org. Platforms will be available to set personal tents on top of.

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.

Dining Hall

The dining hall will be set up for 25% of capacity. The camp tables will be spread out resulting in 50% less tables. Further, the tables will only have 4 people per table with 1 person per side/bench. Normally 8 people sit at these tables.

As needed, camp will be split into shifts to eat in the dining hall. Also, groups will be given a 10-minute window to arrive so that the arrival for meals is spread out. Units will be assigned the number of needed tables based on attendance. The unit will then assign 4 people to sit together for meals. These 4 people will sit at the same table with the same group each meal.

Individual plates of food will be brought to the table by one person based on a preference sheet that the individuals filled out prior to the meal. The tables will be served as they arrive; not everyone at once. There will be socially distanced specialty bars (salad, special sides, PBJ sandwiches, etc) that individuals can go up to and request items from. These areas will be manned by staff that the camper can request items from.

Campers will remove all items from the table and clean. A staff member will then sanitize the table and benches. All staff members involved with dining hall operations will wear a mask during meals.

If an individual would prefer to not eat in the dining hall, please ensure your camp leader knows so they can communicate that to staff upon arrival at camp. A to-go container will be provided so those individuals can take the food elsewhere to eat. Unit leadership will need to maintain supervision for this option.

Indication of dietary needs should be communicated through online registration at least two weeks before your arrival at camp. This includes food allergies or an individual who requires a special diet.

Action items for Units:

- Update online registration with names of youth and adults.
 - T-shirt sizes must be entered by June 15 to receive a free shirt.
 - Enter dietary needs at least two weeks prior to camp.
- Email mac@scouting.org by June 15 or earlier if spots need to be removed.
 - Payments made on removed individuals will either remain on the registration or be refunded as requested.
- Collect and turn in BSA Medical Forms prior to your arrival to camp.
- Share CODIV-19 Acknowledgement and Release Form with all youth and adults attending camp: <https://mac-bsa.org/app/uploads/2020/06/MAC-2020-Summer-Camp-Release-fillable.pdf>

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 or Christine.Sammons@scouting.org.