

Camp Cedars

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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

- Program capacities have been reduced to 8 Scouts or less due to new NE Directed Health Measures
- Additional requirements have been added to the prerequisite list due to schedule change.
- Campsites have been adjusted and can be reviewed HERE.
- Check-in Process detailed out below.
- Masks are expected to be worn inside buildings and when social distancing can't be maintained.
- Everyone will be provided with a 2 oz bottle of hand sanitizer.
- **Visitors** are limited in camp.
- <u>Camp Schedule</u> updated mealtimes

Packing List for Camp

Scouts and leaders should plan to add the following to their packing list:

- 3 masks (wear one, backup one, wash/dry one)
- A camp chair provides more flexibility to social distance in campsite
- Water bottle there will not be cups in the dining hall, will need to use personal water bottles
- BSA Medical Form Parts A, B & C FORM
- CODIV-19 Acknowledgement and Release FORM
- Program Waivers (equestrian, ATV) FORMS

Full packing list on page 5 of <u>Leader's Guide</u>

Unit paperwork

- Payment for camp to pay outstanding balance on Sunday.
- Camp Cards and Scout Report form if applicable
- Pre-Swim check form upload online before arrival or provide to Aquatics staff

Traveling to Camp

Units traveling to camp should try to make limited stops. Plan to wear a mask at any stops, wash hands, etc. Don't eat inside of a restaurant. Pit stops should be as few as possible and quick.

Stay Home If ...

- Participants who fall in the <u>high-risk category</u> (as defined by the CDC) should have approval from your health care provider.
- All participants must pass the Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist upon arrival to camp.
- *Full refund available 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

Check-in Process

- All participants must review the <u>Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist</u>
- All participants must check their temperature before departure and communicate to you unit and/or driver if your temperature is 100.4° or above
- Collect BSA Medical Forms, program waivers, and CODIV-19 Acknowledgement and Release

Arrival times for units will be communicated via phone the week prior to your arrival to camp. Check in for units is between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Medical Screening upon arrival to camp will occur on the road just past the gate into camp. Units camping near Heritage Lodge can go directly to the climbing tower medical screening station.

- Temperatures checked for all members in the vehicles at the gate.
 - o If anyone's temperature is 100.4° or above, the entire vehicle will be sent home.
 - o Temperature will be taken prior to getting out of the vehicle.
- All participants will be asked the <u>Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist</u> questions.

Unite with a Camp Staff Ambassador in the parking lot. Provide program waivers and CODIV-19 Acknowledgement and Release to staff. One trailer/vehicle can continue to the campsite trailhead. Trailers will be parked in the Rotary parking lot and by the parade field. Unload equipment in the campsite.

Pay Registration Balance in the office. Families can still pay online HERE without any login required.

Swim Checks will be available for Scouts registered for Swimming, Kayaking, Canoeing, Rowing, or Standup Paddle boarding. The pool will be open before and after dinner for swim checks.

Health forms and medications can be delivered by an adult to the health lodge. 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.

All Scouts and adults must have a medical form including parts A, B, and C.

After completing check-in, dinner is in the dining hall, leaders meeting at 7:30 pm, and units may do their own campfire in their campsite. Swim checks will continue after dinner as needed.

Masks at Camp

- Face masks are to be worn by staff and campers in any situation that social distancing can't be maintained.
- Masks are expected to be worn in the office, trading post, medic area, and dining hall. Program areas with indoor classroom space also require masks to be worn.
- Scouts and leaders should plan to bring at least three face masks to camp (wear one, backup one, wash/dry one)
- Staff will be wearing masks when serving food in the dining hall.

Visitor Policy

- Visitors are limited in camp.
- Units are not allowed to host a family night in camp.

- Medical Screening and temperature checks will be conducted upon arrival for all visitors in the
 office.
- No visitor meals are available in the dining hall.
- If your Scout forgot equipment, families can drop off items either at the office or in the campsite. Please limit time in camp and don't explore in program areas.
- Visitors should wear a mask in times social distancing can't be maintained with others outside of their household.
- Adults and staff should limit any trips to town for supplies. Medical screening and temperature checks will take place upon arrival to camp.

Trading Post Operations

- The number of people in the trading post will be limited.
- Masks are required to be worn inside.
- No tables or chairs will be in the hallway to limit social gatherings.
- Patio on back side of building has a drive through window to purchase snack shop items.

Health and Safety

- Everyone will be provided with a 2 oz bottle of hand sanitizer. Refill stations will be available throughout camp.
- Always bring a water bottle and masks around camp.

Program Adjustments

Due to new Health Department Guidelines, program capacities have been reduced to 8 Scouts or less. Cooking, Kit Fox, and Swimming have higher capacities, but Scouts will go into smaller groups upon arrival to the class.

- Some Scouts have openings in their schedule
- Classes can be modified by units through Tuesday prior to arrival at camp. Classes after Tuesday can be modified by communicating with mac@scouting.org.
- Identify openings in programs to fill in program schedules:

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 5 Week 6

Evening Program: Trail Rides and Stand-up Paddle board can be signed up for online. Troop swim can be signed-up for in camp.

Program Prerequisites:

- Additional requirements have been added to the prerequisite list due to schedule change.
- One page summary of prerequisites <u>HERE</u>
- Program Guide with class details HERE
- Scouts or leaders can submit prerequisites online before arriving to camp HERE

General Program Health & Safety Guidelines:

- Campers and staff should wear cloth face coverings during indoor activities when social distancing cannot be 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:
 - o 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.
 - o 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.

Campsites

Campsites have been adjusted and can be reviewed HERE.

- Units should plan to bring their own tents. Only one person per tent will be allowed unless they are from the same household.
- Platforms will be available to set personal tents on top of.

Dining Hall

The dining hall will be set up for 25% of capacity.

- Units will be assigned tables that are spaced out from each other.
- 4 people per table with 1 person per side/bench.
- Breakfast is come and go style
- Lunch and dinner are split into two shifts.
- Carports are available outside the dining hall for seating if you choose to take a to-go plate.
- All food will be served from the staff. No self-serve stations are available.
- Updated menu is available HERE
- Dietary needs are accommodated, and meals can be received directly from the kitchen.
 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

- Review program schedules for Scouts.
- Ensure each participant has their BSA Medical Form Parts A, B & C and COVID-19
 Acknowledgement and Release
- Turn in medical forms to Durham Scout Center
- Medical forms can be submitted up to the Wednesday prior arrival to speed up your unit's check-in process.

Thank you for understanding these adjustments are for the health and safety of Scouts, adults, and camp staff. Please ask questions to mac@scouting.org (402) 431-9272 or the camp leadership team:

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