As a parent, you have a **choice**.
As a council, we have a duty to increase our **safety efforts**.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we’re partnering with parents to prioritize safety when it comes to a summer camp experience. We realize that as a parent you have questions and it’s important for us to share the many precautions we’re taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our camps.

To help you make the most informed decision possible, we’ve consulted with and incorporated guidelines from federal, state, and local health officials, as well as the National BSA accreditation program, to create a comprehensive **13-Step COVID-19 Health and Safety Response Plan**.

Ultimately, the choice for your child to attend summer camp is a personal one, and you are in control. If you are uncomfortable with the risks of COVID-19 in a summer camp setting, we will gladly provide a full refund or hold your deposit for next summer.

We thank you for partnering with us to put safety first in our commitment to providing an enjoyable summer camp experience for all.
A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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PRE-CAMP SCREENINGS
A safe summer experience is our top priority, that’s why we’re requiring all campers and staff to complete a series of pre-camp health screening forms before they will be admitted to camp.

DAILY TEMPERATURE CHECKS
All campers and staff camp will be tested daily using infrared thermometers in their campsites and before being admitted to camp.

SPREAD OUT
Campers and staff will be encouraged to spread out and follow spacing guidelines. This includes new spacing requirements during all activities and in campsites.

FEWER CAMPERS
By limiting camp session capacity and class sizes, we are able to spread out and reinforce spacing guidelines.

GRAB & GO MEALS
To help campers and staff continue to spread out meals will be served in campsites instead of dining halls.

LIMITING EXPOSURE
Limiting exposure is critical when it comes to safeguarding our campers. We are restricting visitors from accessing camp to limit any unnecessary exposure.

FACE BUFFS PROVIDED
Being comfortable at camp is important, that’s why we’ll be providing face buffs for every camper.

ENHANCED SANITATION
A Scout is Clean and camp will be rigorously cleaned daily in accordance with our new disinfecting protocol which includes daily checklists and hand sanitation requirements.

ADDED STAFF TRAINING
Prior to the start of camp, our staff will undergo additional training on all COVID-19 policies and standards implemented to keep our campers safe.

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1. CAMP IS YOUR CHOICE

As a parent or leader, it is your choice for your child or you to attend summer camp. It is a personal decision.

If you are uncomfortable with the risks of COVID-19 in a summer camp setting, we will gladly provide a full refund or hold your deposit for next summer.

YOU ARE IN CONTROL

• The health and safety of your child is our top priority.

• Full refund available or hold your deposit for next summer.

PRE-CAMP HEALTH CHECKS

All Scouts must have a current BSA Health and Medical form with parts A, B, and C complete in addition to a Pre-Camp Health Screening Form, Waiver Form and Commitment to Transport Form.

Scouts, leaders and staff with any of the following pre-existing conditions should consult with their physician about the risks associated with attending camp.

Pre-Existing Conditions

• Asthma
• Chronic Pulmonary Problems
• Heart Disease (structural or functional)
• Cancer
• Blood Disorders
• Diabetes
• Kidney or Liver Disease
• Weakened Immune Systems
2. PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

We know that you want the best for your child, and we want them to have the best summer camp experience possible.

That’s why we’re requiring all campers and staff to complete our Pre-Camp Safety Documents (4).

FORMS TO COMPLETE BEFORE CAMP

1.) Pre-Camp Screening Form
2.) Camper Waiver Form
3.) BSA Medical Form
4.) Commitment to Transport Agreement

DOWNLOAD FORMS AT hoac-bsa.org/camp-safety

By completing these critical safety documents, we can partner together to provide the safest summer camp experience possible.

*Part C of the Health Form will be accepted if it is dated on or after February 1st 2019.
3. TRAVEL SAFEGUARDS

Even before you arrive at camp, safeguards are in place to protect Scouts en-route to camp.

Enhanced travel protocols for all campers and staff include the recommended use of **face masks** in transit, mandatory **hand sanitation** during travel, and **limited or no stops** along travel route.

**TRAVEL CHECKLIST**

- Wear face masks when traveling to camp
- Supply hand sanitizer for all Scouts and encourage frequent usage while traveling to, from and during camp.
- Limit the amount of stops or eliminate all together when traveling to camp to limit exposure.

**PRE-CAMP CHECK-IN PROCEDURE**

Upon arrival, a staff member will greet your unit at the entrance to camp. At that time a staff member will:

- Administer a temperature check of all passengers. Scouts and leaders will undergo their first in-camp screening at this time.
- Collect **BSA Medical Form (physical), Camper Screening Form, Camper Waiver Form and Commitment to Transfer Agreement.**

* All camp participants must complete all 4 forms before being admitted to camp.

Only individuals who have been cleared by their physician to attend camp, have completed and submitted all required forms, and have passed the initial check-in screening will be allowed to enter camp.
4. TRAINED MEDICAL STAFF

Our camps partner with a world-class team of physicians and nurses each and every summer. Our trained medical staff works tirelessly to monitor and support Scout and Scouter health in our health centers staffed 24 hours a day.

Our medical advisory committee of elite physicians continuously reviews our health protocols to ensure we are providing the best care possible.

HEALTH OFFICER TRAINING

- On-site medical professionals will be trained in identifying signs of COVID-19.

- All medical professionals will attend and help lead the general session in which identifying the signs of COVID-19 and preventing the spread of COVID-19 are discussed.

- All medical professionals will attend and help lead the general session that outlines all 2020 policies in regards to COVID-19 prevention (i.e. cleaning, spacing, etc.)
5. TRAINED CAMP STAFF

We’re fortunate to employ one of the best summer camp staffs in the entire nation.

Prior to the start of camp, our staff will undergo additional training on the new policies and standards implemented to keep our campers safe in regards to updated hygiene and cleaning policies.

CAMP STAFF TRAINING

• Our camp staff will be trained to recognize the general signs of COVID-19 and how to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

• All camp staff members will attend a general session in which identifying the signs of COVID-19 and preventing the spread of COVID-19 are discussed.

• All camp staff will attend a general session that outlines all 2020 policies in regards to COVID-19 prevention (i.e. cleaning, spacing, etc.).
6. DAILY CHECKS

Our staff and volunteers will keep camp safe and clean by adhering to new protocols including enhanced sanitation of program areas, daily temperature checks, and more.

Each camp will utilize infrared thermometers to scan campers and staff daily. If a camper or staff member is found to have an elevated temperature, they will be escorted immediately to our health lodge for further evaluation.

**Daily Screening Protocol**

- In order to conduct daily morning screenings, each campsite will be issued a non-contact infrared thermometer and asked to select a unit designee to oversee the process. The unit will be provided with a daily health screening checklist that includes a series of screening questions to be administered to all campers.

- The responses to the screening questions and the temperature recordings must be recorded daily and turned in at the Leader’s Meetings. If a temperature is elevated or a health issue is flagged, then the designee will follow the Rapid Response (Step #7) protocol.

  *(The screening form will be sent to leaders ahead of camp so that the names of all attendees can be recorded and the form duplicated to have enough forms for each day of the week).*

- Scouts may not leave the campsite in the morning before this daily screening procedure is completed. A camp staff member will perform a daily check-out of units from their campsites.
7. RAPID RESPONSE

In the event that an illness – including COVID-19 – occurs at camp, our protocol is structured to Isolate, Confirm, Respond, and Remove the impacted Scout or Scouter.

We will then communicate closely with the Scout’s unit and health officials.

IF SIGNS OF ILLNESS ARE DETECTED

• When any sign of illness is detected in a Scout, leader or staff member, two individuals (with appropriate spacing) must immediately escort that individual to the Health Lodge without any stops or contact with others along the way.

• The individual will be evaluated and if it’s determined that the individual must go home, they will be kept comfortable until adequate transportation can be arranged.

• Appropriate health authorities will also be notified.

IF SOMEONE BECOMES ILL AT CAMP

• If a Scout, leader of staff member develops fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea or others for which another cause cannot be confidently determined, that individual will be required to leave camp.

• That individual will be kept comfortable until adequate transportation can be arranged.

• Appropriate health authorities will also be notified.
8. LIMITING EXPOSURE

All participants - campers and staff - will monitor their temperature 7-days prior to their arrival at camp.

Our partnership with families will help identify anyone who has had relevant exposure, symptoms, or elevated temperature. Those who pose a health risk to others will not be allowed to attend camp.

Limiting exposure also means minimizing risk. That’s why we are restricting visitors from accessing camp to limit any unnecessary exposure.

LIMITING EXPOSURE SAFEGUARDS

• Camp Staff will wear personal protective equipment when appropriate.

“Face buffs” will be provided to each camper and leader and must be worn at all camp-wide gatherings including campfires & ceremonies.

• Campers and leaders are not required to wear their face buff outside of camp-wide gatherings, but are encouraged to do so.

• Once checked in at camp, units will be required to stay at camp. No outside trips (i.e. Iconium) will be permitted by participants or staff.

VISITOR POLICY

• Limiting exposure is a critical step in safeguarding our campers, leaders and staff. We are restricting visitors from accessing camp to limit any unnecessary exposure.

• This visitor restriction policy applies to all camp activities and OA & Mic-O-Say programs.
9. SPREAD OUT

Throughout all of our summer programs, we're encouraging our campers, leaders and staff to spread out to reinforce spacing guidelines.

This includes spaced seating during all activities, spacing requirements in campsites, updated tenting requirements and more.

**SPREADING OUT (PROGRAM)**

- All campers will be instructed to spread out and allow for distancing throughout all programs where possible.

- Each participant will be encouraged to bring their own camp chair to activities as our spacing guidelines will not allow more than 4 participants per picnic table.

- Where possible, we have made activity sessions smaller and have adjusted program area requirements to meet local, state, and/or federal guidelines.

**SPREADING OUT (TENTING)**

- With the reduced numbers of campers this summer, many Scouts will be able to have a tent to themselves.

- Where two per tent is still required, Scouts will be instructed to sleep head to foot and cots will be spaced to allow as much distance as possible.
9. SPREAD OUT MEAL PLANS

In order to encourage the continued practice of spreading out, all meals will be adjusted accordingly and moved to campsites instead of dining halls.

“GRAB & GO MEALS”

• Units will enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner in their campsites with our new “Grab & Go” Meal Delivery Service.

• All participants will receive a pre-made meal delivered directly to their campsite by a member of our camp staff or picked-up by a unit representative.

• All food preparation and delivery procedures will adhere to current state food handling requirements.

• Campers will continue to reinforce spacing guidelines by continuing to spread out in campsites during meals (i.e. spaced seating at picnic tables and encouraged use of personal camp chairs.)
10. ENHANCED SANITATION

It’s everyone’s job to make sure camp is clean. All program areas will be rigorously cleaned daily in accordance with our new disinfecting protocol that includes daily checklists and accountability.

CAMP-WIDE SANITATION (BY STAFF)

- **Tents in Campsites** - Each tent & cot will be treated by a portable disinfectant backpack sprayer between each session to ensure sleeping quarters are clean for the next camper.

- **Pools** - Sanitizing of changing rooms 4 times a day.

- **Restrooms** - Sanitizing of all camp-wide restroom facilities 2 times a day.

- **Program Areas** - Camp Staff will clean any surfaces, teaching materials, and/or program equipment (tools, shooting sports equipment, boats, canoes, and other)

UNIT CAMPSITE SANITATION (BY UNITS)

- Unit leadership will inspect daily to ensure that units clean and disinfect all areas in campsites at least once daily.

- Troops/units will be required to sanitize all campsite tables and latrine areas twice daily.

- Troops/units will be required to bring additional hand sanitizer and soap to ensure that Scouts wash and disinfect their hands before all meals and activities.

- Troops/units will be asked to bring cleaning/sanitation items to their assigned session.

*SEE SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING TO CAMP ON NEXT PAGE*
10. ENHANCED SANITATION

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

TROOP EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

✓ 4 Spray bottles for bleach solution
✓ 2 gallons of bleach
✓ Rags and/Clorox or Lysol wipes to sanitize often touched surfaces
✓ Hand sanitizer (recommended 1 gallon size for campsite)
✓ Paper towels
✓ Antibacterial hand soap

CAMPER CHECKLIST

✓ One-week supply of personal hand sanitizer
✓ One-week supply of disinfectant wipes
✓ Personal, reusable face mask (one will be provided, bring extras as desired)
✓ Protective gloves (if desired)
✓ Camp chair
11. HEIGHTENED SECURITY

Camp Commissioners and Camp Staff have been charged with added responsibility to keep a vigilant eye throughout all sessions.

New check-in and check-out procedures have been established and only those that are registered to attend camp during that session with proper wristbands and credentials will be allowed on camp property.

SECURITY PROTOCOLS

• For the protection of our staff and campers, we are limiting camp access to only those Scouts, leaders and staff who are registered to attend that particular session.

• This visitor restriction policy applies to all camp activities and OA & Mic-O-Say programs.

• We understand that some adults must leave camp for other obligations and duties. While we strongly discourage leaving camp at anytime, those who are approved to leave and return later must undergo a re-screening procedure before being readmitted to camp.

*These periodic re-screenings will occur at the Health Lodge and individuals must adhere to the screening policy before being readmitted to camp.
12. INCREASED SIGNAGE

From the moment you step foot on one of our camp properties, you’re sure to notice a number of changes.

A major upgrade includes the increased use of safety signage throughout camp. From distancing reminders to directions to hand sanitization stations, we’ll be reminding campers to make safe choices while at camp.

NEW CAMP SIGNAGE INCLUDES:

• Social Distancing Reminders
• Directions to Hand Sanitizing Stations
• Proper Sanitation Techniques
13. GET OUTSIDE!

The outdoor experience is one of the most important aspects of Scouting and we have fresh air, sunshine and humidity in abundance at our camps!

Studies show that spending time in the outdoors leads to healthier and happier lives!

SCOUTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO

- Bring their own camp chair so they can sit with friends at a safely approved distance.
- Spread out and utilize multiple areas in campsites.
- Limit the amount of time spent in their tent sleeping.
Thank you for Partnering with us

We know you have many choices when it comes to your family and we truly appreciate your partnership. Scouting transforms kids into better adults and the summer camp experience is a key component of that journey.

The health and safety of our Scouting families, volunteers and staff is our top priority and the Heart of America Council is committed to putting safety first.

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