

# 2021 Camp Taskforce: March Update

Can you smell the campfire and hear the mosquitos yet?  
Summer Camp is less than 3 months away!

## Youth Supervision

Unit leaders and parents will continue to provide the primary youth supervision role and are vital to ensuring youth safety at any event, especially summer camping programs. It is important to understand that attending camp is your choice. As a parent or leader, it is your choice for your child or you to attend summer camp.

## Behavioral Quarantine

The idea behind behavioral quarantine is to self-assess your personal risk 10-14 days before attending a summer camp. Are you doing self-assessed temperature or wellness checks and minimizing contact with others ahead of attending camp? After camp, do you have a direct route home, are you being intentional to self-quarantine from high-risk individuals? This individual commitment is key to keeping yourself and your fellow campers safe.

## BSA Health and Medical Forms

Just like a typical year, all Scouts and leaders are required to have the appropriate BSA Health and Medical Forms completed ahead of attending Scouting functions. Scouts and leaders with any pre-existing conditions or personal concerns about their safety should consult with their physician about the risks associated with attending camp.

[Access BSA Health and Medical Forms](#)

## BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Unit leaders and parents are asked to use this checklist ahead of attending any summer camping program to assist in identifying potential COVID-19 cases before event participation.

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## Travel Safeguards

Unit leaders and parents should consider the following recommendations while traveling to camp: wearing a facemask while inside vehicles, supply hand sanitizer and encourage frequent use, and limiting the amount of stops when traveling. It would also be advantageous to coordinate campers who already have shared exposure within one vehicle such as siblings family members, neighbors, or close friends.

## Temperature Checks

Camp C.S. Klaus will utilize infrared thermometers to scan campers upon arrival. **If a camper is found to have an elevated temperature, he or she cannot check-in to camp. Supervised isolation will be provided until travel arrangements can be made for that individual to go home.** If that camper is a BSA leader who is required to meet the minimum adult leadership requirements, the unit will need to supply an additional BSA registered leader prior to checking into camp. As with a typical year, once checked into camp, if a camper reports feeling ill, they will be escorted to the Camp Medic for further evaluation and the appropriate unit leader will be notified.

## Multiple Troops Assigned to One Campsite

In cases where more than one troop is assigned to one campsite, the Council Service Center, in conjunction with the Camp Director, will connect those respective leaders as early as possible so they can make any arrangements.

## Special Note on Merit Badge Sign-Ups

The Scouts BSA Resident Camp Merit Badge sign-up will launch on April 8th. Scouts should utilize that system like previous years. The Camp COVID Taskforce and Camp Staff Team will be reviewing each Merit Badge and program and making any necessary programmatic adjustments.



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## ■ Scouts BSA Resident Camp Tenting

Troops have already navigated tent arrangements that meet comfort levels of their families and Scouts. As with any typical year at summer camp, canvas tents on platforms and cots will be provided and troop leadership has the discretion to make their troop's tenting arrangements. Troop leadership may consider having siblings, neighbors, or close friends share a tent. If a Scout does require tenting alone, unit leadership should be intentional on the placement of that tent so that Scout feels safe and comfortable.

## ■ Cub Scout Overnight Tenting

Each Scout is required to have a parent/adult partner for the Cub Scout Overnight event. Just like a typical year that pair would tent together.

## ■ Webelos Mini-Camp Tenting

Unit leaders should be intentional when making carpooling and tent arrangements. Assign those who may already have close interactions, such as family/siblings/neighbors/close friends, to tent together. It is **not** recommended that a Webelos youth tents by themselves.

## ■ Personal Tents

This year, Camp C.S. Klaus welcomes the use of personal tents if needed. However, please recognize that many campsites have uneven geography which makes setting up a personal tent on the ground less appealing.

