

Statement of Risk with Mitigation Plan and Release of Liability Waiver

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees in the Mecklenburg Council is our top priority. In light of COVID-19, we are taking additional precautions for participation at our council camps.

Mecklenburg County Council will follow the guidelines as outlined by CDC, State of North Carolina, Council Camp Doctor, Dr. Joe Dore, and the National Boy Scouts of America. The guidelines from these organizations change as new information is obtained, as a result, mitigation procedures may change. Our full COVID-19 mitigation plan can be found on the Mecklenburg County Council's website, www.mccscouting.org.

Before your trip, each unit needs to determine who should come to Camp.

- **Information from the CDC states that older adults and people of any age who have any serious underlying medical conditions are a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Anyone in this group needs to determine if they should not come to camp.**
- **Pre-attendance education** -Each Scout attending camp should read and discuss with their parent's information in an article entitled "A Healthy Camp Begins and Ends at Home". Click the link provided to find the article.
<https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/research/healthy-camp-toolbox>
- **Prior to Departure to Camp** - Health screening for each Scout and Leader conducted by your unit prior to travel to our camps:
 - Temperature check.
 - Ask each individual:
 - Have you been out of the country in the past two months?
 - Have you had a fever (i.e. 100.4F or 38C) in the past two weeks?
 - Have you had a persistent cough in the past two weeks?
 - Have you been in contact with anyone who has tested positive of COVID 19 in the last month?
 - If the answer is yes to any of the questions above, then you should not bring the person to camp.
 - Travel to camp can be one of the most confining spaces. People should have as much space as possible (do not fill all seats). In close spaces, like vehicles, mask should be worn by all.

Upon Arrival at Camp – units will check in with the Ranger or Camp Master (The procedures will be different for district and council events {i.e. Webelos Adventure Camp, Carolina Trailblazer Camp and Day Camp}. Participants in these types of events will receive check-in instruction prior to arriving at camp)

- Units are to not have more than 25 people in a campsite.
- More than one unit cannot be in a campsite at one time. Each unit will have a separate campsite and will need to remain separate from other units.
- While on camp, all persons should practice social distancing of 6 feet apart.
- In sites with cabin tents, persons are to sleep with one person's head at the other person's feet. Personal smaller tents should be limited to one person or one family.
- In sites with Adirondacks, only the two bottom bunks should be used and people should sleep head to toe.
- Hammocks are allowed. People should sleep head to toe.
- Scouts are encouraged to wash their hands often with soap and water.
- Units should bring hand sanitizer and make it readily available in each person.
- Campers are to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and equipment.
- Restrooms and showers will be opened by request. The requesting unit will need to clean and spray the area daily. Instructions and supplies will be provided

Program Areas

- Because of inside limitations and health code requirements, dining halls, Frontier Cabin, Dick Carter Lodge, LDC, and Hornet's Nest buildings will not be available for units to reserve.
- No more than 25 people can be in one program area at one time. Program areas and equipment must be cleaned prior to another group entering.
- Activities where people share a contact point are not allowed (GaGa Pit, basketball, soccer, etc.)
- Waterfront (Mecklenburg Scout Reservation) can be reserved and can be used by unit using Guide to Safe Scouting instruction.
 - People should wash their hands with soap and water prior to entering the area and when leaving the area.
 - All touch points on equipment to be used, should be disinfested with supplies provided by camp prior to usage. Equipment should be disinfested prior to returning to storage or prior to another group usage.
- The pool at Belk Scout Camp can be reserved. Requirements for a reservation can be received by contacting the Ranger. Certified Instructors will inform you of all cleaning and other requirements. The pool will operate under local health rules. Number of people in pool area will be limited.
- Climbing walls can be reserved, but as always, a certified Climbing Instructor is required. The instructor will inform you of all cleaning and other requirements.

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- Shooting Ranges will be open to reserve, but as always, a certified shooting Instructor is required. The instructor will inform you of all cleaning and other requirements.
- ATV Programs can be conducted at Mecklenburg Scout Reservation. Instructors are required for the program. Each person will be assigned an ATV, helmet, gloves and goggles for use for the class. Equipment will be disinfected at the prior to the start of the class. Helmets are full faced, so mask will not be required when helmets are on. Contact Joe Culpepper for information on setting a class for your unit. jculpepper@carolina.rr.com

Our mitigation plan is important, but it cannot remove the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Some people with COVID-19 show no signs or symptoms of illness but can still spread a virus, and people may be contagious while they are asymptomatic. This means that an infected person may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

We realize that the very nature of camp makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others. We encourage everyone to maintain the proper physical distancing in accordance with the CDC guidelines.

We know that each Scout, Scouter, volunteer, and Scouting family has a unique set of circumstances to consider when deciding whether to attend camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make those choices.

On the opposite side of this page is a Waiver and Release of Liability related to COVID-19. Please read the entire page. Then, please fill out the bottom portion and sign the form. This form must accompany each Scout and adult attending a unit function at either Camp Grimes or Belk Scout Camp, a district program at camp, or a council camping program event (i.e. Webelos Adventure Camp, Carolina Trailblazer Camp, Day Camp, etc.)

