

# Three Fires Council Camping Guidelines for Units

## Updated 3/24/21

### Minimum Guidelines:

- Group size is limited to 30 individuals:
  - Adult leaders should maintain ratio of at least 2 adults per group.
  - BSA Youth Protection guidelines of at least 2, registered and YPT trained, adults must be present always maintaining at least a 10:1 ratio Scouts to leaders.
- Multiple groups of 30 participants or less are permitted in one area so long as:
  - Facilities allow for social distancing of all participants.
  - 30-feet of distancing is maintained between groups.
  - Areas for each group are clearly marked to discourage interaction between groups.
  - Each group stays separate and does not mix with other groups.
- For indoor facilities, capacity should be determined by a space's ability to accommodate 6-feet of social distance.
- Camps offering overnight camping with bunk houses or cabins should follow these additional precautions:
  - If possible, create at least six feet of space between beds. If utilizing head-to toe orientation, four feet of space between beds is permissible.
  - For bunk beds, position the head of the camper in the top bunk opposite the position of the camper in the bottom bunk.
  - For side-by-side beds, position the head of the camper in one bed opposite the position of the camper in the adjacent bunk.
  - For end-to-end beds, position the toes of each camper close to the other camper's toes.
  - If possible, create a physical barrier between sleepers, especially if a distance of six feet cannot be created.
  - Campers should use the same bed each night.
  - Keep windows open to increase ventilation, when possible.
- Camps offering overnight tent camping should ensure that participants use individual tents or share tents only with members of the same household. Tents for participants in the same group should be clustered in an area and separated from another group by at least 30 feet.
- A few exceptions are:
  - Cub Scouts: Family members may tent together.
  - Scouts BSA: Individuals of the same household may tent together, which includes married couples and same gender siblings. Youth & adult may not share a tent in Scouts BSA and older programs.
- Reusable dishware, except for refillable water bottles, will not be allowed. All dishware should be single use and disposed of after each use.
- Cooking: Mealtimes represent one of the highest risk setting within the camp. Camps offering meals should follow the [indoor and outdoor dining guidance](#).
  - Designated individuals for cooking that will also serve the food to the unit. Proper hand washing and all sanitation measures must be observed.
  - Family style meals are not authorized.
- Participants should wear face always covering over their nose and mouth except for when eating, drinking, or swimming (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering).

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- Before departure on the campout, adult leaders should ask whether participant is currently exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. If a participant does have symptoms, they should wait until they have had no fever for at least 72 hours, other symptoms have improved, and at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared before attending campouts.
- If practical, adult leaders should take participant temperature using thermometer (infrared / thermal cameras preferred; touchless thermometers permitted).
- If a participant does contract COVID-19, they should remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset (or 10 days after positive test if asymptomatic) and can be released after feverless and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours.
- Adult leaders should maintain attendance log of participants.
- If the adult leaders are providing participants with transportation to and/or from the camp program:
  - Interior of vehicle should be sanitized before and after use by participants.
  - Adult leaders should provide hand sanitizer at the entrance of the vehicle.
  - All riders should wash or sanitize hands prior to boarding the vehicle.
  - Participants, adult leaders, and drivers should wear face coverings when in the vehicle.
  - Participants should maintain social distance from non-household members while in the vehicle.
- Participants should sit one to a seat unless sitting with one additional household member.
- If practical, participants should sit in staggered rows (one participant per seat, per row).
  - YPT guidelines must always be followed.
  - If a rider in the vehicle is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, cleaning, and disinfecting should be performed according to CDC guidelines.

#### **Encouraged Best Practices:**

- Everyone should be regularly monitored for symptoms.
- Adults should supervise young children when using sanitizer.
- Participants should wear colors corresponding with their group (of 30 or less) to make social distancing easier to manage/ enforce.
- All should be reminded to adhere to social distancing, face covering use, hand hygiene, and other mitigations during travel to the overnight camp.
- Meals brought from home should be in single-use containers to be thrown out after each meal.
- If meals are stored in a communal refrigerator / cooler, they should be spaced apart and handled only by an adult.
- Provided snacks should be pre-packaged and only handled by adult leaders utilizing safety guidelines.
- If practical, meals should be eaten outside.
- If practical, adult leaders should take participant temperature using thermometer (infrared / thermal cameras preferred; touchless thermometers permitted).
- Temperature checking should be made available to participants upon arrival to camp. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4°F or above will not be permitted on the campout.
- Participants should sanitize hands regularly.