

Circle Ten Council Summer Activities COVID-19 FAQ's

UPDATED 4/29/20 – These FAQ's will be updated as needed and will show a red diamond.

Camping this Summer

The leadership of the Circle Ten Council has the health and safety of all Scouts, their families, staff, and general public as our highest priority and concern. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this situation as best we can. We will be monitoring circumstances and adhering to guidance from the CDC, our departments of health, and other experts to determine whether programs need to be postponed or adjusted. Thankfully we have an excellent working relationship with our county's Department of Health, our Enterprise Risk Management Committee and our national accreditation teams. Additionally, our staff and volunteers are working with these agencies and many others to ensure that we are fully prepared to continue to offer the same values-based, mission-driven summer camp experience that we have been providing for over 100 years.

Q: Will there be resident/summer camp this summer? YES. We'll be tracking the CDC, state, and local recommendations carefully as things progress. If restrictions will impact camp operations or availability, we will be in touch with reservation holders before their arrival to discuss appropriate steps.

Q: Can I still make camping reservations? Yes, camping reservations are ongoing. If current COVID-19 restrictions continue, we'll be in touch with reservation holders before their arrival to discuss appropriate steps.

Q: Will there be day camp this summer? Yes, day camp will occur. Day camp plans have changed, and now include a “**virtual day camp**” and multiple outdoor sessions at Camp Wisdom and Camp James Ray in the month of June and August.

Q: Does Circle Ten Council have any virtual opportunities to keep my kids engaged?

Yes! We're making sure all the Scouts who are home right now have plenty of opportunities for engaging educational and recreational experiences. In addition to the newly announced virtual day camp for Circle Ten Council, we are also providing council camp-in's, online merit badge classes, online troop and pack meetings and other Scouting at-home programs and opportunities. **You can find information on all virtual opportunities at bit.ly/C10MeritsAtHome** or on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CircleTenCouncil>

Q: Will there be special efforts made in the council camps to keep them clean and sanitized?

Yes, the ranger and camp staff of each camp are and will be conducting extra cleaning efforts. All camping facilities have been deep cleaned in preparation of your arrival. We will continue to monitor the information provided to us by the Department of Health and CDC and apply best practices.

Q: How will you keep Scouts safe at summer camp? Health and safety is our primary concern, it is important to us that people at camp stay healthy and are well cared for if they become ill. Upon arrival at any camp facility each participant will be medically screened by certified health professionals which will include individual temperature checks and general health assessment. We will have and act on the latest information from the CDC, state, and local health agencies regarding best practices on screening procedures for campers as they arrive. Weekly operations have been modified to eliminate gatherings beyond current guidelines. (Different approaches to flag ceremonies, dining halls, campfires, and other camp-wide events).

Q: What is BSA's policy on social distancing in a tenting environment when camping? With safety in mind and based on guidance from national and local health officials, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). There is no formal policy on social distancing in tents, just as there is no prohibition on tenting alone if logistics can accommodate that request. Our campsites currently accommodate separation of tents and participants can bring their own tent if desired.

Q: Will I be refunded if my camp session is cancelled by Circle Ten Council? Yes. If your session is cancelled by Circle Ten Council please choose from the following options:

- Save the funds as a credit to be used in 2021:
 - We'll hold the credit in your UNIT account (good for 2 years from your scheduled visit)
- Or receive a full refund for the amount paid

Q: What if I cancel my unit's reservation early and my session is held as usual? Do I get a full refund? Yes. If you are not planning on attending your session, please contact your unit leader and Michael.Prachar@scouting.org for a full refund of fees paid.

Q: Is there going to be a pre-camp leader's meeting? Yes. The meeting will be virtual this year. Registration links will be provided soon. Go the Hub, Facebook or website for additional details on leaders meetins and camp information.

Camp Constantin – May 14th

Camp TRJ - May 12th

Cub / Webelos Resident Camp (Camp James Ray)- May 12th

Q: What kind of safety guidelines will you be following at camp? The health and safety of our participants is important to us. Our camps are nationally accredited and held to high standards. All participants will be required to come to camp healthy and able to participate. Unit leaders will work in concert with camp management to ensure compliance. Health and safety guidelines provided by the state and CDC will be put into practice. Any Scout that arrives at camp physically ill will not be admitted and sent home immediately.

Q: Will I have to provide any additional health information to come to camp? Possibly, we are working with local and state agencies to understand any prescreening guidelines. Information will be shared with reservation holders as it becomes available and updated on council communication channels. A current Annual Health and Medical Record is required to attend camp as usual.

Q: Will there be changes to the dining hall operations? Yes, units will be assigned mealtimes to limit the occupancy of the dining hall. Tables will be arranged to create spacing and table occupancy will be limited. All food will be served in a buffet style by staff adhering to local and state guidelines for safe food handling. The council will continue to follow guidelines from local and state health agencies and adjust as needed.

Q: What will the check-in process look like? As is standard in previous years, each unit must check in to camp. This summer there will be a few additional requirements that may include health prechecks, self-assessments, and screenings. Details of exactly what will be needed and the process will be communicated as soon as local and state agencies have published required guidelines.

Q: Will staff be screened and need to comply with state and local guidelines? Yes. The staff at each camp will be screened as provided for in any local and/or state guidelines. Those guidelines are still being drafted by various agencies. Staff will be notified as information becomes available.

Q: Will there be specific procedures for staff or participants if they become ill or present any symptoms? Yes, each camp will have specific procedures to follow in the case of someone becoming ill or showing symptoms. Guidelines from local and state agencies are being drafted and will be put into place as they become available.

Q: Will I still need to get an Annual Health and Medical Record PART C for camp over 72 hours? Yes. BSA's Annual Health and Medical Record Forms Part A and Part B are required for day camp outdoor sessions and Cub Scout/Webelos resident camp. Part C is for Scouts BSA resident camp and is required.

Q: My Scout was unable to get a physical scheduled (Part C) with their doctor due to the virus restricting doctor visits. Can we use their medical form from last year, even if it is technically expired? This is a challenge for summer camp participants as we want to make sure each participant is healthy and ready for their summer camp experience. We are working with our Enterprise Risk Management Committee and the National Boy Scouts of America to get an answer to this question. We anticipate having a formal response prior to your arrival, we will send more information to all Scouts BSA units with camp reservations as soon as possible.

Q: Since the council office is closed, if I make my payment by mail will it be processed? Yes. All payments will still be processed. As of May 4th, our council offices will be open for limited service from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. M-F. Therefore, you may drop off your payment if you prefer.

Q: Should I continue to make camp payments if there is a chance camp could be cancelled?? Yes, our camping department will be invoicing units for camp payments. We understand this is a challenging time for families, so we have extended the payment deadline to May 29th and have created an option for deferred payment opportunities. Please reach out to the camping department Michael.Prachar@scouting.org if your unit will need to adjust their payment plan. Based on the latest information available, our expectation is that camp will happen as scheduled.

Q: What if I have individual families who want to cancel early due to their fear of the virus? We would encourage all families to wait to make a final decision until we know more in regards to COVID-19 and its impact. If you are not planning on attending your session, please contact your unit leader and Michael.Prachar@scouting.org for a full refund of fees paid.

Q: Can I transfer my unit's reservation to 2021 summer camp? Yes. If your unit feels it best to move their current registration due to COVID-19, we will transfer the unit reservation.

Q: Our families are asking if they can delay making their payment for camp right now since things are so uncertain for them. What can we do? We understand this is a challenging time for families, please reach out to Michael.Prachar@scouting.org. We will work with units in need to adjust payment plans at no penalty. We have a **deferred payment plan** that your unit or individuals may want to take advantage of.

Q: What if I have to cancel our unit's reservation because we were unable to hold our unit fundraiser and can't make our camp payment? Before cancelling your unit's camp experience, please reach out to Michael.Prachar@scouting.org to discuss options. We have recently launched a virtual camp card sale through June 30th and have a **campership program** which offers assistance of up to 50% for families, or you may take advantage of the **deferred payment plan**.

Q: How do I get updated on further communications about summer camp status and COVID-19? We plan to update these FAQs as often as necessary to keep up with the changing COVID-19 situation. So, please plan on checking back often. We also use email, Hub, newsletters, and our council Facebook group to communicate with our members. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Michael.Prachar@scouting.org – please add “Camp Question” in the subject line and be specific with your question.