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Sabattis
Scout
Reservation 

2021 Camp Operations

Since we first started quarantine, we have been in almost daily meetings designing a health and safety plan that works and we have many different “plan B” options on what camp will look like. We have had regular calls with both county and state health departments and honestly it appears like we are having to create the standards on our own. The good news is that because viruses threaten summer camp every year, the safety standards we employ are done to combat just this situation. That having been said, here are some of the new safety items as well.

As of today, we still do not know what the State Health Department recommendations for operating camp will be. Each county will interpret the State Health Department recommendations which means we may get to run all our camp programs as normal or at a very strict cohort model. As of right now our program plan announcement date for summer camp will be no later than June 17th.

The health and safety of our members is our number one priority the COVID-19 pandemic will bring a whole host of extra precautions. Here is a partial list of the changes you should expect ...

How will pre-camp preparations and check-in procedures be affected?

- Parents and adult participants will need to sign off that the campers (adult & youth) have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 and they have been symptom free for 21 days prior to attending camp. Participants who had COVID-19 will have to have a COVID test prior to attending and certify they are COVID-free or show that they are fully vaccinated.
- Parents will be asked to sign a Health and Safety agreement which will outline our entire plan but also their understanding that should their child get symptoms while at camp, he/she will be sent home immediately.
- Units will be asked to conduct individual health screenings prior to traveling to camp (including a temperature check).
- Medical Forms are required and assuming no medical issues, and under age 65, then the period to have your form signed by a physician.
- Health screening upon arrival at camp will also be conducted by our health officers, who will also administer a temperature check.
- Should anyone in the unit not pass the arrival screening, the entire unit will not be allowed to enter camp.
- Strict limitations on camp visitors. Parents will not be allowed past the parking lot unless they are volunteering for the session.
- Everyone/anyone/all individuals will be screened thoroughly upon arrival and before entry to camp during the week.

How will day to day operations of camp be affected?

- A dedicated Staff member and/or members will be assigned to your campsite and eat most meals with your unit.
- Continuous hygiene reminders while at camp, including wearing masks (neckerchiefs will do), washing hands, and social distancing.
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations will be available throughout camp.
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment and a limit on shared equipment.
- Units will be encouraged to bring their own tents to Sabattis (canvas tents cannot be disinfected without ruining the tent). Individual Scouts and/or Leaders to a tent is highly suggested.
- Mattress will not be offered at Sabattis
- Meal service format is still being determined but may be a combination of individual meals and group served meals this summer. Most likely Patrol cooking will be fine in small groups.
- An emergency response plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease. All sick campers will be sent home immediately.
- Merit Badge classes and offerings at Sabattis are being reviewed. But, will be limited to no more than ten Scouts per-class and to Merit Badges that can accommodate Social Distancing. All Merit Badges may not be offered.
- No camp wide events, no campfire, and no flag ceremonies outside your campsite. Units and campsites must remain self-contained.
- Scouts and/or Leaders that leave camp during the week for any reason (other than Treks) will not be allowed to re-enter.

Will Treks or other High adventure activities be affected?

- All the above hygiene and social distancing procedures will be in effect.
- All full week treks and other high adventure activities will be limited solely to your unit and/or campsite.

Other things to know.

- Check-ins with each unit one week and then two weeks after the unit leaves camp to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

As stated, this is just a partial list and not inclusive of any of the plan B options nor specific task force recommendations expected out some time in June. Likewise, direction from the Governor's office and Health Department could create standards we have not considered.