Samoset Council, BSA

Unit Weekend Camping & Cub Pack Go See It/Day Event Guidance
June 1, 2020

1. General Information
   - We want to ensure we continue to teach our Scouts good citizenship as we implement plans to begin unit weekend camping and Go See It/day events.
   - The information referenced used to create this guidance are from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), local county health departments and the American Camping Association (ACA).

2. Scout Safety/Social Distancing Standards
   - In-Person meetings/gatherings are limited to 10 people each (den/patrol meetings ideal for this).
   - Large meetings for the full pack or troop are still to be done virtually (strongly suggested).
   - No sharing of products, refreshments or food.
   - Use face coverings when you can’t maintain social distancing or in a public setting.
   - All participants should stay six feet apart.
   - Meeting space common surfaces are to be cleaned with disinfectant before and after each use.
   - Scouts should be taught (or remind them of) coughing etiquette:
     o Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze
     o If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper shirt sleeve or elbow, not your hands
     o They may be asked to put on a face covering to protect others.
     o Wash hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If soap and warm water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
   - When to wash or disinfect your hands
     o Before eating food.
     o After contact with someone who may have been sick.
     o After touching frequently touched surfaces (railing, doorknobs, counter, tables, etc.)
     o After using latrine/restroom.
     o After using common items, such as sports equipment, computer keyboards and mice, craft supplies, etc.
     o After coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
   - Any Scouts/Scouters not feeling well or displaying symptoms should stay home.
   - Use the pre-event medical checklist (provided by Samoset Council) before conducting an outing.

3. Phase I (begins June 12) Unit Camping or Go See It/Day Events with 10 or less participants
   a. General Information
      i. Pre-event screening checklist (provided by Samoset Council), must be completed prior to departure to ensure they are not ill and do not show signs/symptoms of COVID. Adult trip/event leader collects the checklist ahead of time.
      ii. If any participant is ill, they should not attend the trip.
      iii. Respect the decision of participants and parents that are not comfortable attending trip.
      iv. Recommended that each person have these personal safety items:
          1. Bottle of hand sanitizer.
          2. Face covering.
          3. When possible, container of sanitizing wipes.
      v. Must have plenty of disinfecting cleaner and other cleaning supplies for general purpose needs (cooking, cleaning common use items – picnic tables, patrol box items, etc.).
      vi. Must maintain BSA youth protection standards of at least 2 registered adult leaders.
      vii. Units can camp multiple patrols/dens of 10 participants each, but these groups of 10 cannot co-mingle and must have separate campsites (can be in the same vicinity) and cannot use the same cooking supplies or eat meals together. Integrity of groups of 10 must be maintained (Scout patrol or Cub Scout den integrity is ideal).
viii. Separate Scout units should **NOT** camp together.

b. Transportation
   i. Recommend travel to and from event by family transportation.
   ii. If the camping location is too far for family transportation, then the location should be changed to a closer location.
   iii. If a Scout travels with a family other than their own, it is up to the Scout’s parent to make that decision at their discretion.

c. Tenting
   i. Tenting arrangement is part of your group of 10 participants.
   ii. Camp in your own tent (one person per tent). Tents no closer than 6 feet (more is better).
   iii. Siblings or Parent/child from the same household may tent together. They should also travel together in the transportation plan.

d. Cooking
   i. Cooking should only take place within the 10-participant group.
   ii. No sharing of food.
   iii. Follow the five-step cleaning process: (pre-wash, wash, rinse, sanitize, air dry)
   iv. Recommend participants bring their own food so no group cooking needs to take place.
   v. Use of disposable produces is encouraged... plates, cups and eating utensils.
   vi. No potluck type meals where everyone contributes a portion of the meal.
   vii. Must wear a face covering and gloves while preparing and serving meals.
   viii. Hand wash frequently and have plenty of cleaning supplies.

e. Campfires
   i. Face coverings should be worn.
   ii. Keep social distancing.

f. Camping Locations
   i. Samoset Council Camping properties (reserve by contacting Scout office):
      1. Does **NOT** include Crystal Lake Scout Reservation.
      3. Flambeau Canoe Base (rustic group campsite).
      4. Four Mile (rustic group campsite).
      5. Eau Pleine Slopes (rustic group campsite).
   ii. Private property (as always, upon approval of property owner).
   iii. WI State Parks (open May 23, but group camping not open until June 8), county, and private campgrounds (KOA, Jellystone Park, etc.).

g. Go See It/Day Only Events (packs)
   i. Go See It events such as the local zoos, parks, nature hikes and other outdoor activities.
   ii. Supertrip (overnight) events are **NOT** encouraged at this time. Examples: Lambeau Field, Mall of America, USS Cobia, etc. Volunteers/staff are evaluating when Supertrips can begin.
   iii. Use the pre-event screening checklist (provided by Samoset Council) for all participants.
   iv. Participants should bring their own snacks/refreshments, do not share.

**Related Resources:**
- Pre-Event Screening Checklist
- Campout Safety Checklist

**As this is an evolving situation, this information is subject to change.**