

## **SAMOSET CAMPING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SUMMER CAMP 2020**

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to come to camp this summer.

Our camp leadership is coordinating with state and local health departments to ensure we are informed of and comply with their guidance to mitigate the risks COVID-19 being contracted at camp. However, these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

### **REGISTRATION & FEES**

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#### **What are the payment timelines and refund options?**

Camper deposits (\$75) per person are due June 15 or at the time of registration if after June 15. In the unfortunate circumstance that camps are forced to close this summer, units will be given a choice to credit all fees paid toward a future reservation or receive a full refund. Final balances are due two weeks prior to your camp session.

We want to ensure that all families feel safe and comfortable sending their children to camp this summer. If a family decides to no longer attend camp due to health risk, we will refund all fees paid if the request is received at least two weeks in advance of your camp session. Refunds after this date will be considered on a case by case basis and the most refunded will be 50%. All refunds will be credited to the unit's camp bill and the unit will be responsible for refunding fees to their Scouts or adults.

Any cancellation for 2020 does not impact 2021. If you'd like to cancel, please reach out to us by email ([camp@samoset.org](mailto:camp@samoset.org)). 2021 reservation requests are currently being accepted. Our staff will begin reviewing these requests in July.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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#### **What restrictions are in place regarding who can attend camp this summer?**

We are asking those participants with serious underlying medical conditions as outlined by the CDC to not attend camp for their own safety. Those who are in this group need to have a conversation with their medical provider when considering attending camp.

### **Will we be required to wear face coverings at camp this summer?**

Based on guidance from medical experts we are recommending that participants wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained or when in a shared space that includes participants who are not from your camper circle.

Participants do not need to wear face coverings when in the campsite with their own unit/group. We recommend bringing 3 cloth masks to camp so that they can be on a rotation of wearing and washing.

### **What are the expectations for traveling?**

We encourage people to travel to and from camp as families or household groups. However, the final decision on travel arrangements will be at the discretion of each parent. Units should refrain from stopping at restaurants, stores, and other public places on their way to camp. This is for the safety of our local community and the rest of the campers.

### **What will happen if we need to take shelter in a storm shelter?**

We've discussed this with our medical professionals and agreed that the imminent threat of a storm would take precedence over all else. When needed, we will use storm shelters as we have in the past. Social distancing is difficult in a storm shelter, so we will require all participants to wear a face covering while in the shelter.

### **What will sanitation look like this summer?**

Expect more frequent required handwashing, greater access to handwashing and hand sanitizer, additional cleaning of high touch surfaces, sanitizing program equipment between each use, elimination of self-serve dining and program supplies, as well as additional mandatory health screening protocols before travel to and once arriving at camp.

Units are expected to clean their campsite amenities, and we recommend at least twice a day for latrines and shared spaces. Camp Staff will sanitize campsites in between user groups.

### **What are the tenting requirements?**

We are encouraging all participants to either tent with a member of their household or by themselves. For the 2020 camping season, it's okay for a parent and Scout from the same family to share a tent if they so choose.

### **What additional cleaning supplies should troops bring?**

Face coverings are highly encouraged for all participants. Troops are also encouraged to bring additional hand sanitizer, wipes, and towels for use in the campsite.

### **Will participants need to be screened before camp?**

Based on guidance from state and national organizations, we have developed a screening tool for all campers to use. All participants will complete the screening tool and take their temperature prior to traveling to camp. Once arriving at camp, campers will be reassessed by our onsite health staff. If a camper does not pass the recheck the entire vehicle will be asked to return home.

### **How will campers and staff be monitored throughout their time at camp?**

Units will be responsible for daily screening for their Scouts and adults. This will include temperature checks and review for symptoms. We will provide each unit with a no-contact thermometer. All camp staff will receive training in identifying basic symptoms as well as protocols for dealing with suspected illness.

### **How will you deal with a suspected case of COVID-19?**

Any individual suspected of COVID-19 would be immediately separated from the rest of the camp population. With the assistance of a parent or unit leaders, the individual would be sent to a clinic to be evaluated by a physician.

If a test is conducted, the individual and his or her unit would need to remain isolated until test results are returned. Isolation could be done in the campsite or the unit could return home to await results.

### **What if a participant shows symptoms of COVID-19 after camp?**

Our expectation is that any participant who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 would promptly contact their physician for evaluation. If a test is administered and the results are positive for COVID-19, a public health official will contact the individual. Please discuss the individual's involvement in a Scouting activity with them and provide contact information for our Director of Program (Scott Domino: 715-490-2241).

If the symptoms occur greater than 14 days after conclusion of the activity the risk of COVID related to the activity or transmission to others present at the activity would be extremely low.

### **What is the physical policy for camp?**

Due to the current climate, we understand that scheduling your annual physical examination may be difficult. The BSA's annual health and medical record (AHMR) currently requires completion annually for all participants, in all Scouting events. Parts A and B are a consent, authorization/risk acknowledgement and a detailed health history. Part C, the pre-participation physical is recommended for all participants but required for any event lasting over 72 hours.

For 2020 Summer Camp at Tesomas Only

- Participants with a Part C completed on or after February 1, 2019 will be accepted provided Parts A and B of the AHMR are updated within two weeks of your camp session.
- Participants with no Part C or one prior to February 1, 2019 may attach a completed alternate exam (sports, school, annual well exam at pediatrician) completed on or after February 1, 2019. This will be accepted as a valid Part C until August 31, 2020.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending camp.

We would also encourage anyone whose medical condition or history has significantly changed since their last physical exam have approval from their health care provider prior to attending camp.

## GROUP AND CAMPSITE ORGANIZATION

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### **Can we have adult leaders who stay for a partial week?**

Using best practice guidance to reduce the risk of exposure to coronavirus, we're asking that units maintain the same adult leadership throughout the entire session instead of a rotation of leaders. If this is not possible, partial week adults will be allowed to check in on Sunday and Wednesday. Partial week adults can leave any day but will only be allowed to check in at the beginning and middle of the week.

### **How will camper groups (circles) be organized?**

Troops at Tesomas will either be their own circle, or placed in a circle with other units from their same geographic area - a troop from Stevens Point may be paired with a troop from Plover, but will not be paired with a Troop from Rhinelander, for example. These circles will have no more than 46 people.

Packs at Akela's World will be assigned to a den consisting of 45 or less individuals. This group of campers will participate in all camp programs and meals without interacting with other dens.

### **Will we have access to showers?**

**Yes**, daily shower time will be scheduled for every unit. Showers will be cleaned after each group visit.

## PROGRAM

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### **What will the schedule look like?**

Our camp schedule will be adjusted so that units will participate in all activities as a unit and not as individuals. If your Troop goes to the waterfront or to the shooting range, it will be during a specific scheduled time for your unit. Free time programs where Scouts travel in buddy pairs like open shoot, open climbing, and open swim are not on the camp schedule this season. Details regarding the program can be found on pages 16-20 in the [Tesomas Leader Guidebook](#).

### **What merit badges will be offered?**

This summer merit badges will be offered differently than in past summers. Scouts will not sign up for merit badges in advance. Instead, Scouts will choose from a smaller selection of activities when visiting a program area. This selection has been reduced to meet this summer's program model. Pages 16-20 in the Tesomas guidebook note Merit Badge and Rank requirements that will be covered. Time and weather may be a factor in completing requirements listed.

Blue Cards will not be used this summer. Adult leaders are encouraged to track participation throughout the week using Scoutbook.

### **How will we sign up for merit badges or other programs?**

The "Register for Activities" section of the Doubleknot registration system will no longer be applicable to how camp program sign up will be managed. You should review the programs available this year to your Scouts and

ask them to start picking their options for visits one and two. Details regarding the program can be found on pages 16-20 in the [Tesomas Leader Guidebook](#).

**Will the trading post be open this summer?**

Each unit will visit the trading post twice throughout the week. Once on Sunday and once later in the week. Prior to camp, a listing of our merchandise will be available on our website for pre-orders. Throughout your week at camp, a delivery service will be available for merchandise. Throughout the week, snacks and limited food may also be purchased from our mobile trading post.

**Is the program center open, I need to have access to the internet for my job?**

No, due to county regulations and the safety of our staff the program center will not be open this summer. Wi-Fi and access to power is available in many parts of camp. We have noted these areas in the leader guidebook. Unit leaders can call our camp phone number with questions (715-365-3111).

## **FOOD SERVICE IN 2020**

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**What will food service and dining look like at camp?**

Units will eat meals in a variety of ways. Some meals will be delivered to their campsite, some will be served picnic style, and one evening meal will be served in the dining hall.

Dietary restrictions accommodations will be the same as previous years, and Scouts who bring their own food will receive a food credit. The new menu will be published 6/22.

**Do we need to bring our own plates and mess kits?**

No, these will be provided by camp.

**Will camp provide cooking equipment?**

No, the meals will be delivered ready to eat. However, we suggest units bring a small section of supplies if they plan to make their own coffee, or cobbler throughout the week.