



Troop 716, COVID-19 Camping Proposals:

Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when camping. People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can spread the virus. Some people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be in the camp. 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 camping. (Scouting.org)

- Anyone experiencing any CDC recognized symptom of COVID-19 (available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) may not attend the camping event. Anyone already at the event who experiences any of these symptoms must have a plan to leave or be picked up immediately.
- Each scout will be required to bring a face mask/covering for use in the car or when in camp, when social distancing is not practical
- Hand Sanitizer will be provided throughout the camp by the Troop containing at least 60% rubbing alcohol.
- Each Scout—barring members of the same household—will be required to tent by themselves
- “High Traffic Locations” will be sanitized by a scout or adult leader
- The buddy system will be modified so that the “buddies” will be socially distant
- Each scout will be required to wash and/or use sanitizer on their hands at least before every meal and whenever deemed fit
- Each meal will be prepared and cooked by 1 or 2 designated cooks
 - All cook wear will be thoroughly sanitized before and after use.
 - Each cook will be required to wear a face mask/covering while cooking/serving and preparing plates of food
 - Each cook will be required to wash their hands before handling any food
 - Each cook will be required to sanitize their hands while cooking
 - Each cook will serve the food to the scouts and or leaders
 - Any personnel involved in clean-up will also be required to wear a face mask/covering and wash their hands before handling cook wear
- Each scout will be required to bring the tent they used home to conduct a thorough cleaning

**If you have any questions, please email Mr. Don, our Scoutmaster
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