

2020 Summer Resident Camp Frequently Asked Questions For Scouts BSA Troops and Families

1) What are the new dates for summer camp sessions at Camp Jayhawk?

- July 5-11
- July 19-25
- July 26-July 31 (tentative based on participation)

2) Why has the decision been made to delay camp?

Based on a number of factors including staff training, to allow time for participants to secure required health physical, to account for any delay in the rollout of the phases as set by the Jefferson County (camp) and the State of Kansas, and to be able to implement additional social distancing protocols.

3) What should Packs and Troops be doing now?

- Troop committees should meet and determine if your unit has appropriate leadership who can attend summer camp. Everyone attending summer camp has the potential to be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. All adult leaders should not be classified as “vulnerable individuals” by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Vulnerable Individuals are defined as elderly individuals and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.
- If troop has adequate adult leadership, then move forward to having conversations with parents to discuss if attending camp will be a good fit for them and their family. If a Scout is classified as “vulnerable” then summer camp will not be a good setting for them in 2020. If families have “vulnerable” individuals living in their household, it is not recommended their Scout attend summer camp in 2020. Scouts and families should discuss their concerns, including possible consequences a week of summer camp, with their healthcare provider.
- Please share this information with all your families. It is important that we communicate what is taking place. We recognize this may affect personal plans so it is important that we get this information out as soon as we can. The Jayhawk Area Council will be distributing this information through all of its methods of communication but it is better someone gets this multiple times rather than not at all.

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- 4) What if our troop does not have adequate leadership or we have a Scout unable to attend?
- We will work with troops that do not have adequate leadership to partner with another unit for the purposes of two-deep leadership.
 - For any troops that decide not to attend based on safety concerns, full refunds will be granted or the troop can roll over their current fees to 2021. Those that roll over their fees will have the 2020 fees locked in for 2021.
 - If the troop attends camp in 2020 but an individual paid Scout does not, full refunds will be granted if received by June 15, 2020.

- 5) How will my troop get registered for the new session?
- For troops currently registered for July 5-11, you do not have to do anything.
 - For troops currently registered June 7-13 or June 14-20, you will be given the option to move to either the July 5-11 or July 19-25. Our camp leadership team reach out to you directly to determine the new session. We will do our best to honor your planned campsite.
 - For troops that have not yet registered, you can register to attend any session. Your campsite will be determined after all troops currently registered in June sessions are assigned a site.
 - If interest exceeds capacity of those two weeks, the third session will be opened to accommodate the demand.

- 6) What do I need to do to get my Scouts registered for their classes in the new session?

Nothing. Once we move you to the new session all your registered classes will automatically port over. If there are any conflicts based on class capacities, we will work with you directly to resolve.

- 7) What if we have some changes to the current merit badge schedule, need to add Scouts now able to attend, or need to remove a Scout not able to attend?

Give us a chance to move your troop to the new session and then you will be able to make all those changes via our registration program.

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- 8) What if I have a Scout that plans to attend but just before leaving is not unable due to COVID-19?

Full refund will be given if notified at check-in.

- 9) What are you doing to help keep our Scouts safe?

See the attached sheet below for current changes to our summer camp procedures. Please share the attached with all parents to ensure everyone in your unit understands what steps are being taken.

- 10) What if there is a case identified while at camp?

The Jayhawk Area Council is finalizing an Emergency Action Plan to handle any reported incident of a suspected COVID-19 case. We are working closely with the Jefferson County Emergency Management Director. At any point of a suspected case, they will be called and take over the process. We will be setting of a temporary quarantine area to isolate the patient until health professionals are onsite. The finalized plan will include contact tracing and notification to all that have had contact with the patient.

- 11) Who made this decision?

The Program Task Force is made up of close to 20 unit and district volunteers representing packs, troops, teams and crews from every district in our council. This group has met primarily to address improvements to camp program operations but have been vital in this discussion.

The recommendations of the task force were then presented to the Jayhawk Area Council Executive Committee made up of volunteers that serve as the officers of the council to review the recommendations and approve with any modifications deemed necessary.

- 12) Who do I call for questions or assistance?

For questions, contact Council Program Executive Britta McKee at 785-354-8541 or Britta.McKee@Scouting.org.

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NEW PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

Changes to our camp's procedures are based on recommendations from the Boy Scouts of America, best practices from other council summer camp operations, and input from our Program Task Force. All procedures have been reviewed by the Jefferson County Emergency Management Director. Additional changes may be made based on developing events and will be distributed to all registered units.

General Camp Guidelines

- No attendance of troops or families if residence is not in at least Phase 3
- Restricted access for visitors
 - No Friday Parent's Night
 - Parents must call in advance to pick up Scout – we will get Scout to parking lot
 - Youth pick-up during week take place in main parking lot
 - No visitors (unless program necessary) will be allowed past parking lot
 - Any authorized visitors will be temperature checked prior to access
- Adjustments to weekly schedule based on social distancing guidelines
- Camp Staff
 - Temperature checks for camp staff multiple times each week
 - Camp staff not be allowed to leave property for summer
 - If have to leave for special circumstance, temperature checked at re-entry
 - Camp staff will receive additional training on sanitizing and food handling
 - Staff housing adjusted to create greater distancing

Prior to Arrival at Camp

- All attendees must be temperature checked prior to meeting at troop departure site
- Troop leaders must temperature check attendees prior to departure for camp
- Anyone with a temperature of greater than 100 will not be permitted into camp
- Logs will be provided to troop to record temperature checks

Check-In Procedures

- Assigned check-in times for each unit to prevent congestion
- Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader will check in unit - troop remains in parking lot
- Multiple medical screening stations with temperature checks
- Designated areas for check-in process to adhere to social distancing practices
- Troops will be allowed to transport gear and drop trailers to campsite
- Any attendee with temperature greater than 100 will be sent home

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While at Camp

- Additional handwashing and sanitizing stations
- Multiple shifts in dining hall to adhere to capacity guidelines
- Modified class size capacities to adhere to social distancing guidelines
- Limited quantities in trading post
- Regular cleaning of all common area surfaces
- Regular monitoring of attendees by health officer for potential symptoms

Check-Out and Post Camp

- Troops can check out prior to Friday night closing campfire or Saturday morning
- Campfire time adjusted to allow troop departures afterwards
- Temperature checks before departing on all attendees
- Calls to troops week following departure to check for any symptoms

These precautions are important, but they do not remove the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Some people with COVID-19 show no signs or symptoms of illness but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. These factors mean that an infected person may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

We also know the very nature of camp makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others.

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 know that each staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family has a unique set of circumstances to consider when deciding whether to attend camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make those choices.