



Updated Health Guidelines

Summer Camp 2021

In 2020, the Rocky Mountain Council was the ONLY BSA council to run summer camp in Colorado. No outbreaks of COVID-19, Norovirus, Rotavirus, or other communicable disease occurred at camp and those who attended enjoyed the opportunity to attend summer camp in a safe environment. The Rocky Mountain Council is excited to open its summer camps again in 2021.

Because of the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, the Rocky Mountain Council is implementing additional measures to 'be prepared' and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. These measures have been created after consultation with medical professionals, resources provided by both government and non-governmental organizations (CDC, local health department, WHO, etc.), and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

These guidelines are subject to change as more information becomes available and as local authorities provide more specific guidelines to our area.

Anywhere you see blue in this document, it is a clickable link to a resource referenced in the section.

Prior to Camp

This summer, a few extra precautions will need to be taken to ensure compliance to restrictions and the safety of all who attend.

Completing the [Annual Health & Medical Record](#)

This form must be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Council office in Pueblo, CO no less than 14 days prior to your first day of camp. Please review the [Colorado Camps Medical Forms Guide](#) for complete details on how to properly complete this medical form.

Part A

No additional requirements.

Part B

No additional requirements.

Part C

In 2020, a one-time extension was given to part C forms that were completed after February 1, 2019. This extension has expired. All Part C's must be valid meaning that they were completed within 12 months of arriving at camp.

Unit and Individual Hand Sanitizer

We request that every unit bring approved hand sanitizer that can be accessed and available in your campsite to be used on a regular basis. This should be a non-scented sanitizer as wildlife, including bears, will be attracted to any scented sanitizers.

Additionally, we request that every participant coming to camp bring a personal bottle of hand sanitizer that they have on hand at all times.

Note: Hand sanitizer does NOT replace hand soap; it is a decent alternative in times when you are not able to easily access soap and water. Hand sanitizer does not wash off any bacteria, virus, etc. from your skin but rather kills it so that it is not as dangerous. Regular hand washing for a minimum of 20 seconds is the best way to prevent the spread of any disease.

Face Masks

A face covering material (either a mask or similar) will be required at specific times and locations at camp. This includes all indoor facilities and buildings (dining hall, shower house, trading post, etc.) and when social distancing is not possible.

It's recommended that each participant bring multiple masks to trade out as they become dirty.

While traveling to camp, please use face coverings for any times where you may have to stop such as bathroom breaks, convenience stores, and getting meals from a restaurant.

Review & Practice Proper Hygiene

We joke about Scouts being given a free pass on cleanliness at camp, but as we all know, the final point of the Scout Law is "Clean".

Please discuss with all those attending camp the following topics using the information provided by the CDC:

- **Coughing & Sneezing**
- **Keeping Hands Clean**
- **Nail Hygiene**
- **Don't Touch Your Eyes or Nose**

COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination

Testing for COVID-19 will not be required to attend a Rocky Mountain Council camp. If you choose to do a test prior to coming to camp, please do it no more than 7 days prior to arriving at camp.

A COVID-19 vaccination will not be required to attend a Rocky Mountain Council camp. However, when possible and in accordance with the FDA & CDC guidelines, we recommend all eligible persons be vaccinated to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Pre-Travel Event Medical Screening

We recommend that each unit leader use the above form as a resource when speaking with each of their camp participants and with his or her parents about signs and symptoms of disease prior to travelling to camp. If an individual is not feeling well, they

should NOT travel to camp to help prevent any sickness from being passed on to others.

If anyone in your unit is disqualified from coming to camp because of this screening, we will work with your unit to take care of an appropriate refund. Any individual with any disqualifying health factor(s) will not be allowed into camp under any circumstances and if this person travels with your unit, the entire unit may be disqualified from attending camp upon arrival.

This form will not be asked for upon your arrival to camp. A verbal confirmation that everyone was screened prior to travel will be required.

At Camp

There will not only be a few adjustments to logistics and program while attending camp this summer

Arrival

Upon your arrival, a verbal confirmation of your pre-travel screening will be required. We will then ask how everyone is feeling that day. If anyone is feeling unwell, we will address their symptoms as needed. If an individual has symptoms typical of COVID-19, they will be required to be tested. COVID-19 tests can be done at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo at no cost.

If the test comes back as negative, all those tested will be allowed to return.

If it comes back positive, those tested will not be allowed to participate in camp.

Check-in

Our check-in process will take place adjacent to the health lodge. Please DO NOT send your entire unit to participate in check-in.

Note: If your unit has paid its balance in full and all forms have been submitted correctly, your unit will qualify for Express Check-in which allows your unit to bypass the check-in desk and go directly to your campsite from the parking lot.

Campsites

During your week at camp your campsites will look normal. Each canvas tent can accommodate 2 participants. If an individual would prefer a tent to themselves, they must provide their own tent.

In the event that we must pair your unit with another unit in the same campsite, we will do our best to group units from a similar geographical location.

Program Areas and Adventures

San Isabel Scout Ranch

Our entire program and schedule can be found on our website. This summer, Scouts can sign up for activities that they are interested in. They will follow the schedule that they create for the week in which they attend.

During merit badge instruction, participants will be spread out from one another. If there is a point in the activity where participants cannot spread out from one another, they will be required to wear a mask until they can spread out from one another again.

Activity supplies and tools will be cleaned in between rotation times.

Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base

Due to the nature of our program, we will not need to change how our camp runs program.

Equipment used for adventures at Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base will be cleaned in between use.

Dining

The beauty of participating in a Rocky Mountain Council summer camp is that meals are provided. This year will provide some unique challenges that will require some logistical changes. This will include the following:

- Staggered mealtimes to prevent large congregations of people
- Social distancing in meal lines between units, maintain 6' distance
- No self-serve options
- Limited indoor seating will be available due to state limitations on indoor dining

Facilities

Showers will have scheduled times for adult males, adult females, youth males, and youth females. This will give our staff the chance to clean shower stalls in between scheduled times.

Latrines will be cleaned daily.

High touch points will be cleaned daily including door handles, railings, etc.

Flag Ceremonies

Units will distance themselves from one another. No other changes will be made.

Trading Post

The trading post will limit the number of people inside and require the wearing of masks while inside. They will also establish a flow of traffic requiring shoppers to enter one door, follow a specified path, and exit a different door according to CDC guidelines.

Visitors

Non-essential visitors will not be allowed to visit either of our camps this year. This includes parents & Scouters who are not registered to attend camp, and former staff members.

Signs of COVID-19 at Camp

Should any participant or staff member present symptoms of COVID-19 during a week at camp, that individual will be transported immediately to the nearest testing sight. If the test comes back positive, the Rocky Mountain Council will contact local agencies and coordinate with them in moving forward. If the test comes back negative, camp will continue as normal.

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A report will be made available to units, parents of Scouts, and others after the fact sharing how the situation was handled.

After Camp

Should anyone in your unit be diagnosed with COVID-19, Norovirus, Rotavirus, or another communicable disease within 10 days of leaving camp, please contact the Rocky Mountain Council immediately so that we can notify the appropriate agencies and individuals.