



BERT ADAMS
SCOUT CAMP

National Camp School

COVID 19

Operational Guidance

April 14, 2021

National Camp School will potentially look different this year than in the past because of COVID concerns. This 2021 COVID 19 Operational Guidance is to detail changes being considered to make the camp safe for both the Participants and Staff. Our goal is to safely conduct National Camp School and offer an outdoor opportunity for Scouts to earn advancement and experience much of the adventure National Camp School traditionally affords. The health of our Participants, Staff and our communities are of primary concern. Every Staff member, Participants must evaluate their unique circumstances and make informed decisions before choosing to attend National Camp School at Bert Adams in 2021.

Camp administration will determine whether, when and how to implement these plans, making adjustments depending on the circumstances and situation at the time camp occurs. Policies and guidelines will be developed and implemented within the guidelines from the Governor's Executive Orders, the CDC guidelines, the American Camping Association Field Guide for Camps, recommendations from the BSA National Outdoor Program group and state and local health officials, and feedback from Scout Camps that operated Camps in 2020.

Pre-Camp Education and Messaging

To help in preparation and decision making, participants may be provided information about pre-camp screening processes, changes to schedules and procedures and given the opportunity to ask questions about National Camp School plans for 2021.

- This manual will be posted on the Camp Website for reference and to advise participants of the measures and thought over the safety in the Camp Operations

Pre-Departure Screening

Participants will be educated about when they should stay home and when they can come to camp.

- Encourage participants to avoid crowds for the 10 days prior to coming to Camp
- The COVID-19 Pre-event Screening Checklist is included at the end of this document which will help to guide your decision on whether to participate.

Health Screening upon Arrival – the following is the protocol that we will follow as part of our Check In process

- Check In will be conducted in the East Side of the Love Dining Hall
- Take Temperatures of all
- Questioning on general health status individually
- Participant will check in and submit their Health Form
- Participant will be directed to their assigned Campsite

COHORT Groups at NCS

- Per direction of National Council each Section Area will be divided into COHORT Groups. This is being done to mitigate any risks associated with COVID.
- COHORT groups will be assigned specific Campsites.
- COHORT groups will be attending same classes throughout NCS
- COHORT groups will be assigned seating together in the Dining Hall for meals.

Signs and Messaging

- Signs may be posted in highly visible locations (e.g., program areas, dining hall, restrooms) that promote every day protective measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs such as by properly washing hands and properly wearing a mask.
- Remind text messaging system and daily newspaper may be used to keep people updated on measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at camp.

Hygiene and COVID-19 Social Etiquette

- Increased monitoring and reinforcement of handwashing during the week to ensure adherence among Participants and Staff.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in program areas where it is not feasible to have hand washing stations.
- Masks use may be encouraged for Staff and Participants when feasible and particularly at times when physical social distancing is difficult. Information may be provided to Staff and Participants on proper use, removal, and washing of masks while at camp.
- Participants may be encouraged to bring their own camp chair to use in program areas to allow better social distancing during program periods. This would reduce the density of Participants at picnic tables in program areas. Charis are available for Check out if desired.

Morning and Evening Assemblies and Meetings

- Depending on the case count for a given week, flag ceremonies may be limited to Staff only to prevent large group congregation.
- Singing or cheering may be discouraged at assemblies and especially in the dining hall and serving lines.

Campfire Programs and Other Gathering Sessions

- COHORT groups will be spaced out to achieve social distancing spacing.

Participant Accommodations

- The Bert Adams wall tents in our traditional sites all have both front and back flaps and can accommodate 2 Participants per tent.
- Beds should be aligned so that Participants and Staff sleep head to toe.
- The AC Tents have 4 beds in them. We would encourage all Participants to sleep with their toes in the center of the tent so their heads are towards a flap.
- Participants may be encouraged to sleep with the flap nearest their head open.
- Participants have the option to pitch their own tents in their campsite to allow single occupancy tenting.
- Hammock camping is allowed if in compliance with BSA hammock camping safety recommendations (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/hammock-camping>).

Staff/Participants Leaving Camp

- Per direction from the National Council no Staff or Participants will be allowed to leave Camp until they complete the NCS Course. If one leaves the Camp during the week of the Course, they will be asked to leave with the Course uncompleted. If one has a supply need from town, please advise the Camp Office so we can try to accommodate your needs.

Shower House Cleaning

- The Logistic Staff will be responsible for sanitizing the shower houses on a daily basis.

Dining Hall & Meal Changes

As one of the main indoor areas on camp, efforts may be made to reduce the number of meals served in the dining hall, the number of occupants in the dining hall at one time and the duration that occupants are in the dining hall. Participants should plan on bring their water bottle and using that as a personal drink vessel for meals.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

- All COHORT groups be admitted into the Dining Hall will go through the serving lines as a Group
- All COHORT groups must site at assigned tables.
- Food will still be “what you want to eat” and “all you can eat” style through multiple lines but will be served by Staff.
- One way traffic patterns may be developed for doorways and dish drop.
- Prepackaged cutlery may be made available
- Utilize hard plates and bowls but all will be sanitized after use.
- All Servers will wear masks while serving.
- No self-service except for prepackaged single serve foods.
- We will have preplated salads available but we will not have a Salad Bar
- Staff will assure tables are sanitized after each meal service.

Restricted Visitors Policy

- No Visitors will be allowed in Camp for National Camp School unless authorized by the Course Director or the Council Liaison.

Trading Post and Snack Bar

- The Trading Post may be open during the NCS. The hours will be announced and posted.
- Depending on case counts, the Trading Post may restrict the number of customers in the store at one time.
- The Snack Bar line may be managed to enforce social distancing for Participants while waiting in line.
- The Trading Post doors and Trading Post and Snack Bar counters should be regularly sanitized.

A couple other common questions that we have received are:

Will vaccines be required to attend? This will depend upon requirements from the CDC and state and local authorities. Currently, we are not planning on requiring them of Participants. But we will probably encourage the Staff to get vaccinated as long as the supply exists.

Will a negative COVID test be required to attend? This will depend upon requirements from the CDC and state and local authorities. Currently, we are not planning on requiring them.

Any other specific questions can be directed to:

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COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Review with each staff and adult participant their current health status, both before departure and upon arrival at the event. **Anyone entering a camp or event – including visitors, vendors, etc. – must be screened.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Event: **NCS – Bert Adams Scout Camp**

Date: **5-13-2021/5-21-2021**

___ Yes ___ No Have you or has anyone in your household been in close contact* in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?

___ Yes ___ No Have you or has anyone in your household been in close contact* with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?

___ Yes ___ No Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?

___ Yes ___ No Has anyone in your household been exposed to an individual known or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

___ Yes ___ No Have you or has anyone you have been in close contact* with traveled on a cruise ship or internationally or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the past 14 days?

****According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “close contact” means:***

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you

If the answer is YES to any one of the five questions above, the participant must stay home.

If all answers above are NO, proceed to the symptoms list.

Symptoms of COVID-19

*If anyone in your household has **any one** of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, **the entire household must stay home.***

- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Fever of 100.0° or greater
- Flu-like symptoms
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

COVID-19 Vaccination

Scouters may choose to volunteer information about their vaccination.

- I have received 1 out of 2 in the vaccination series.
- I have received both vaccinations in the series or the 1 dose version.

****Potential Higher-Risk Individuals****

Yes No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the CDC guidelines, including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

If the answer is "yes," we recommend that you stay home.