



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### GULF STREAM COUNCIL

Summer is around the corner and our Scouts and Scouters are ready to attend all our summer activities, including ScoutsBSA Summer Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, and Cub Scout Day Camp!

**Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Gulf Stream Council's top priority.** While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Florida Department of Health, the governor's office and other health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to come to our camps.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Pre-attendance education.
- A requirement that all participants complete a pre-event medical screening questionnaire and Parts A & B of the Annual Health and Medical Record within 14 days of arrival at camp.
- Health screening by our camp health officers including a temperature check upon arrival at camp. Anyone not passing the arrival screening will be sent home.
- Limitations on visitors in camp. All visitors will be medically screened upon arrival before entry to camp.
- Hygiene reminders while at camp.
- Additional handwashing and/or sanitizer stations throughout camp.
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- Limiting group size, restricting interaction between groups and maintaining social distancing.
- Providing personal protective equipment, such as masks, when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- An emergency response plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.
- Training of staff to watch for symptoms of illness.

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These precautions are important, but they 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.

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.**

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

For any other questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Gulf Stream Council Service Center at 561-694-8585. You may also email the Camping Director, Alec Connolly at [alec.connolly@scouting.org](mailto:alec.connolly@scouting.org), or the Council Program Assistant, Robert Ulrich at [robert.ulrich@scouting.org](mailto:robert.ulrich@scouting.org).

