



# COVID-19 Program Update

## TANAH KEETA SUMMER CAMP

*To our fellow Scouts, Parents, and Leaders,*

*This document will outline many of the program adjustments we have made in the interest of the health and safety of our campers.*

*It is important to understand that Tanah Keeta Summer Camp 2020 is going to look different than Summer Camps in the past. The steps we have outlined in this document reflect the guidance we have received from the CDC, Florida Department of Health, and the Outdoor Programs Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. It is also important to know that the adjustments taken in this guide are reflective of the guidelines in place under the scenario in Phase II of Reopening in the Florida Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan. In the event that our affected counties progress to Phase III before the start of camp, we will evaluate if and how we will ease these modifications.*

*While we must adjust some of the aspects of our camp program, we are not going to compromise in fun! We are excited to continue our 63-year legacy of fun summertime adventure. Scouts, local and abroad, are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to get back into the great outdoors.*

*As your Camp Key 3, we pledge to you that our staff has a very well-defined mission: to provide every camper a safe, fun, and truly unforgettable experience, while fulfilling the mission of the Boy Scouts of America! We hope you can join us this summer –*

***Are you on Board?***

*Yours in Scouting,*

*Alec Connolly, Camp Director*

*Robert Ulrich, Program Director*

*Kelsey Cupples, Camp Commissioner*

## INTRODUCTION

The leadership of the Gulf Stream Council has the health and safety of all Scouts, their families, staff, and general public as its highest priority and concern. This document outlines the adjustments to our camp program in following of the guidance for camps provided by the CDC, Florida Health Department, and the Outdoor Programs Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. **To find more information regarding our operational procedures related to COVID-19, visit the link below to view Tanah Keeta Summer Camp's COVID-19 Plan.**

<https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/files/32266/2020-Summer-Camp-COVID-19-Plan>

This document was created to inform our participants about the adjustments we've made to our camp program in the interest of health and safety. We will continue to monitor circumstances and adhere to official guidance to determine whether programs need to be postponed or adjusted further. Information about COVID-19 is continually evolving. This is intended to be a living document which will be adjusted as necessary to accommodate current information.

### Assumptions

- COVID-19 or other illnesses may surface at camp.
- None of the procedures described here can eliminate completely the risk of illness at camp.
- Every staff member, volunteer, family and participant must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending camp.

### Vulnerable Populations

COVID-19 is a new disease and there is limited information regarding risk factors for severe disease. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease, diabetes, obesity, or a weakened immune system might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Persons considered high risk are encouraged to remain home.

Persons having a cough, fever (100.4° or higher) or other symptoms of illness within 14 days of attending camp, or persons in who have been in contact with anyone with such symptoms within 14 days of coming to camp should remain at home.

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**CAMP POPULATION COHORTS**

In order to mitigate the risk of a widespread outbreak, we will be implementing a cohort policy to minimize the interactions between large populations in camp.

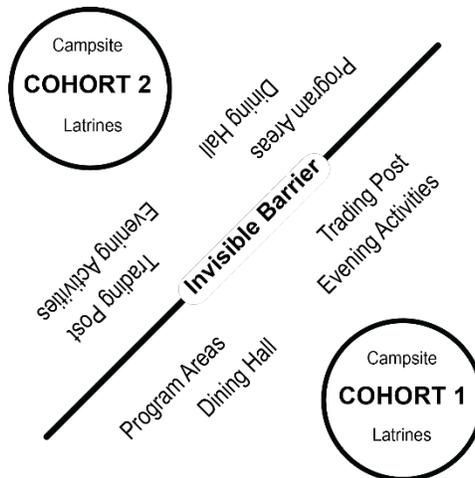
*What does this look like?*

Each cohort will be assigned based on your campsite. Think of a cohort as a “patrol”. Your cohort will share the same campsite, travel together in between camp activities, share Dining Hall arrangements, etc.

Cohorts will be assigned on the factors below:

- Units – Registered units will remain together.
- Geographic location – Units will be paired in a cohort based primarily on geographic location. This is to limit the risk of community exposure. i.e. a unit from a low-risk county should not share a cohort with a unit from a high-risk county.
- Group Size: No cohort will exceed 30 people. The maximum group size per Florida Reopening Phase 2 is 50 people.

There will also exist separate cohorts for our Provisional Unit.



**Program Structure:**

Cohorts will be assigned their own campsite, latrines, and shower facilities. Participants should NOT utilize any facilities assigned to a separate cohort. These facilities will be clearly marked by campsite.

Cohorts will travel as a group through camp to participate in our camp program.

Using the cohort method, we can maintain an “invisible barrier” between Cohorts.

- Scheduling: No two cohorts will be scheduled to be in the same program area at once. When cohorts will be within the same area (i.e. meal service or shelter-in-place) physical distancing or masks will be in effect (as practical)
- Sanitization: Our staff will sanitize frequently touched surfaces, tools, shared materials, etc. in between rotations.
- Staffing: We are maintaining a satisfactory level of staff in order to facilitate quality program and sanitization.

**Rotations:** Cohorts will travel together in-between Program Areas. Each Program Area will offer a variety of Merit Badges for Scouts to choose from. During each class block, no more than one Cohort will be assigned to a Program Area.

**What does this look like? Example Shown Below**

Cohort: (assigned by campsite)	Monday AM Block 1	Program Areas are Cleaned and Sanitized	Monday PM Block 2
Seminole (Troops A & B)	Handicraft		Ecology
Calusa (Troops C & D)	Ecology	Handicraft	

## **SCHEDULING**

We are adjusting our Camp Schedule to better allow for sanitizing in between sessions, as well as to accommodate occupancy considering social distancing for meal service.

We are condensing our Merit Badge schedule into two blocks daily. There will be an AM Morning Block, and a PM Afternoon Block. The start and end times of each block are slightly varied and are based on your assigned mealtimes. To keep this simple, each cohort will be assigned to an (A) or (B) schedule. Meal shifts will last 20 minutes.

Breakfast	Block 1 AM	Lunch	Block 2 PM	Dinner
<b>(A)</b> 7:25am – 7:45am	<b>(A)</b> 8:00am – 11:30am	<b>(A)</b> 11:45am – 12:05pm	<b>(A)</b> 1:00pm – 5:00pm	(A) 5:30pm – 5:50pm
<b>(B)</b> 7:50am – 8:10am	<b>(B)</b> 8:25am – 11:55am	<b>(B)</b> 12:10pm – 12:30pm	<b>(B)</b> 1:00pm – 5:00pm	(B) 5:55pm – 6:15pm

## **MEALTIMES**

We will run two mealtimes through the Dining Hall. Given the tight windows allowed in this model, it is important that our units are timely to meal services. Like previous years, the Dining Hall will be split into two sides, with seating on the north end of the building and seating on the south end of the building. Cohorts will be assigned to one of the sides of the dining hall. There will be posted clear signage indicating which doors to enter through.

Mealtimes will be limited to 20 minutes to allow for sanitization in between meal services. Be sure to review our Dining Hall policies in the Tanah Keeta Summer Camp COVID-19 Plan.

## **CLASS SELECTION**

Because our cohorts will have fewer visits to each program area, we have designed our merit badge offerings to meet the needs for our Scouts. Our Merit Badge offerings were chosen based on a few factors, including popularity, Eagle badges, ability to maintain physical distancing, and badges that interest younger and older Scouts.

Below are our altered class offerings broken down by Program Area. Badges listed with a (2) will be finished over two merit badge blocks.

### **Aquatics**

Swimming (2)  
Lifesaving (2)  
Canoeing/Kayaking (2)

### **DigiTech**

Programming/Cyber Chip  
Moviemaking  
Game Design

### **Ecology**

Environmental Science  
Fishing  
Oceanography  
Astronomy

### **Handicraft**

Chess/Art  
Sculpture/Music  
Woodcarving

### **Life Skills**

Citizenship in the Nation  
American Heritage/American Cultures  
Communications  
First Aid

### **Outdoor Skills**

Search & Rescue  
Wilderness Survival  
Camping

### **Shooting Sports**

Archery (2)  
Rifle (2)

### **Alternative Programs**

We understand that Scouts may encounter a situation in which they have each of the badges being offered within a certain program area. In those situations, our staff will conduct alternative skill instruction. These will be hands-on activities covering a variety of topics, some led by expert instructors. More information about these programs, including registration, will be announced closer to the start of camp.

## EXAMPLE COHORT WEEKLY PROGRAM MATRIX:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block 1 (AM)	Aquatics (1 of 2)	Ecology (1 of 1)	Ranges (1 of 2)	Life Skills (1 of 2)	Outdoor Skills (1 of 1)
Block 2 (PM)	DigiTech (1 of 1)	Aquatics (2 of 2)	Handicraft (1 of 1)	Ranges (2 of 2)	Life Skills (2 of 2)

### Signing up for Classes in Tentaroo

Due to limitations on class registration on Tentaroo, we've included the instructions below for registering for classes.

The time blocks for classes in Tentaroo may NOT reflect the time blocks at camp. Your Cohort will be assigned its own program matrix, such as the example shown above.

On the online registration portal, we've assigned each program area to a certain time block. That way, you can still see what areas you have spots available for and keep track of what you've signed up for. Otherwise, class registration will be done just as normal. Each participant or unit must go into their registration to sign up for classes.

### **For example:**

In Tentaroo...

The following classes will be listed as 8:30am Monday

Swimming

Lifesaving

Canoeing & Kayaking

Hence, 8:30am Monday is considered the "Aquatics" Block, since each of these badges fall under the realm of our Aquatics Program Area.

Signing up your Scout for an 8:30am Monday Block will make that class show up on your schedule for 8:30am.

While your scout may not report to that Area at 8:30am Monday, they will report for your chosen badge while they are in camp. If you add a class to their schedule, they will get around to working on that merit badge.

Below is a table that categorizes which block is assigned to which program area in the tentaroo class registration.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Block	Aquatics 1	DigiTech	Handicraft	Shooting Sports 1	Life Skills
Afternoon Block	Aquatics 2	Ecology	Outdoor Skills	Shooting Sports 2	[blank]

Registration for Adventure Trail, SCUBA, and Angler Adventure will be done through the CLASSES tab, just as normal.

### **Q: What if my Scout has all the badges offered in a Program Area? Or isn't interested in any being offered?**

**A:** We will be offering alternative skills instruction in each program area. These activities may not be focused at any one merit badge but will offer a fun alternative to what is being offered.

### **Q: Do I have to re-register for all my classes?**

**A:** As we've had to make adjustments to our merit badge offerings under the Cohort Method, we are asking units and individuals to re-register for Merit Badges.

### **Q: Who should I contact if I need help signing up for classes?**

**A:** For help registering for Merit Badges, use the "Contact" button under the Summer Camp home page.  
[www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/summer-camp/](http://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/summer-camp/)

## **ADVENTURE TRAIL**

We are adjusting our Adventure Trail offering to allow first year campers to complete the program in a different format. In previous years, a separate *Adventure Trail* campsite was established for daily skills instructions. However, we have determined that our standard format would compromise the integrity of the camp population cohorts.

Instead of having its own program area, Adventure Trail will be split up into several stations among our program areas. Adventure Trail participants will travel through camp with their cohort. When the unit is working on merit badges, the Adventure Trail scout will work at their Adventure Trail station. A qualified staff will lead instruction on specific skills. As scouts move between station to station, they will complete the Adventure Trail program.

### **Requirements:**

Scouts will work on requirements for: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. In this adjusted format, we will be *unable* to complete the following requirements which are usually covered in our standard Adventure Trail program:

Tenderfoot: 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a (overnight campout)

Second Class: 3b (5-mile hike) - *completion will depend on weather conditions*

Scouts *will* have the opportunity to earn their Totin' Chip and Fireman Chit, as well as their First Aid Merit Badge and Swimming Merit Badge. If a Scout already has their First Aid or Swimming Merit Badge, they may swap out for another merit badge within that program area. (Aquatics and Life Skills, respectively). See "Class Selection"

### **Recognition and Reporting:**

Adventure Trail Scouts will be recognized during the closing campfire and presented with their Adventure Trail patch.

Advancement Reports will be reported on Tentaroo, just like other merit badge completions.

In Tentaroo, rank requirements will be abbreviated, but can be interpreted as below:

S3 – Scout Requirement #3

T4 – Tenderfoot Requirement #4

SC2 – Second Class Requirement #2

FC4 – First Class Requirement #4

The advancement report will list Adventure Trail as a "Partial" completion, even if the scout attended all sessions. Use the key above to verify which requirements your scout completed during Adventure Trail.

## ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

### SCUBA Adventures

We will continue our SCUBA Adventure Programs, with some modifications to scheduling. Jupiter Dive has been gracious enough to develop modified plans for Scouts to complete their PADI certifications through our SCUBA Adventure Programs.

The program modifications below were made in consideration of the guidance issued for our camp operations, primarily the restrictions on off-site excursions during camp. Given this, our Jupiter Dive instructors will be completing book work and pool instruction during camp, and scheduling dive days after camp to complete the certifications.

Jupiter Dive has provided options for Scouts to complete their certifications during these “dive days”. **If a participant cannot attend either of our scheduled dive days, please reach out to Lisa Carroll, at [lisa@jupiterdivecenter.com](mailto:lisa@jupiterdivecenter.com).**

### SCUBA I: PADI OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION

	Monday	Tuesday
Block 1 (8:25am-11:55pm)	Bookwork	Bookwork and Exam
Block 2 (1:00pm – 4:00pm)	Pool Instruction	Pool Instruction

#### SCUBA I: Dive Days

Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Phil Foster Park (8:00am to 12:30pm)  
Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Jupiter Dive Center (8:00am to 1:00pm)

**OR**

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Phil Foster Park (10:00am to 2:00pm)  
Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – Jupiter Dive Center (8:00am to 1:00pm)

For the remainder of camp, Campers enrolled with SCUBA I will be able to take Merit Badges on the following days:

- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

### SCUBA II: PADI ADVANCED ADVENTURE DIVER CERTIFICATION

	Monday
Block 1 (8:25am-11:55pm)	Bookwork & Nitrox Add-on (optional)
Block 2 (1:00pm – 4:00pm)	Pool Assessment

#### SCUBA II: Dive Days

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – Phil Foster Park (6:00am to 10:00am)  
& Jupiter Dive Center\* (12:30pm to 5:30pm)  
Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Jupiter Dive Center (12:30pm to 5:30pm)

**OR**

Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Phil Foster Park (8:00am to 11:00pm)  
& Jupiter Dive Center\* (12:30pm-6:00pm)  
Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jupiter Dive Center (8:00am to 1:00pm)

For the remainder of camp, Campers enrolled with SCUBA II will be able to take Merit Badges on the following days:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

### DISCOVER SCUBA

	Thursday
Block 1 (8:25am-11:55pm)	Pool Time and Instruction
Block 2 (1:00pm – 4:00pm)	

## SCUBA ADVENTURE FAQ's

### **Q: What will happen to the Add-on Dives?**

A: Participants registered for the Friday Add-on Dives will have the class fees returned to their Tentaroo account as a credit. To receive a refund for those fees, use our online refund form at [www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/refund-form](http://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/refund-form).

### **Q: What if I cannot attend the scheduled dive days?**

A: Participants who cannot attend one of our scheduled build days are first encouraged to reach out to Lisa at the Jupiter Dive Center at [lisa@jupiterdivecenter.com](mailto:lisa@jupiterdivecenter.com). We will work with you to schedule a potential alternative date. It is important to note that participants will NOT complete their PADI certification if they do not attend their dive days.

### **Q: Will the SCUBA fee be changing?**

A: The fee for SCUBA programs will remain the same. The services provided will not change but will be provided in a different format. Scouts will still earn completion with attendance of our scheduled dive days.

### **Q: Will Scouts still earn their SCUBA Merit Badge?**

A: Yes! The SCUBA Merit Badge will be signed off after completion of the separate dive days.

### **Q: What will Participants do when they are not in SCUBA?**

A: The program adjustments leave more room in the weekly schedules for Scouts to participate in the rest of our camp program. Participants can sign-up for merit badges.

More questions?

Reach out to Robert Ulrich, Program Director, at [robert.ulrich@scouting.org](mailto:robert.ulrich@scouting.org)



## Adventure Programs (continued)

### Angler Adventure

Our Angler Adventure is made possible through our partnership with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC). This fishing-based adventure has become a staple of our summer program, and we find it important to be able to continue this program for 2020. Our Angler Adventure program has been adjusted to eliminate off-site excursions.

#### Scheduling (subject to change due to weather conditions)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Block 1 (8:25am-11:55pm)	Intro to tackle, basic knots	Fish Cleaning & Biology	Boats instruction, Navigation
Block 2 (1:00pm – 4:00pm)	Fishing @ Clear Lake	Cast Netting on the Lox.	Boat Fishing

For the remainder of camp, Campers in Angler Adventure will be able to take Merit Badges on the following days:

- Thursday and Friday

#### Pricing

Much of the operational expenses of Angler Adventure is the costs associated with our off-site excursions, including the Deep-Sea Fishing trip and costs for transportation to the Jupiter Inlet, Charter Boat service, etc. With these adjustments, we are lowering the fee for scouts to participate in Angler Adventure.

Old Angler Adventure fee: \$80

New Angler Adventure fee: \$45

The program fee encompasses the cost for instructional materials, supplies, Angler Adventure activity shirt and patch.

We are accepting limited new registrations. For questions of availability, please contact Robert Ulrich at [robert.ulrich@scouting.org](mailto:robert.ulrich@scouting.org).

#### Advancement

Scouts will work on requirements for the Fishing and Fish and Wildlife Merit Badges.

Completions will be recorded on Tentaroo, along with other Merit Badge completions.



## **EVENING PROGRAMS**

Aside from our Merit Badge curriculum and Adventure Programs, our Evening Program serves an important role for scouts at camp, providing recreation and fun events. Our Evening Program offerings have been adjusted to fit the cohort model, with offerings both on a scheduled basis, as well as organized events within the campsite.

Each day, your cohort will get to participate in one scheduled event and one campsite event. We will still provide opportunities for units to purchase cracker barrels to be delivered in the evenings. Purchase Cracker Barrels under the “Products” Tab on the Unit Account.

### **Scheduled Events**

- Night Swim! (Aquatics)
- Telescope Workshop (Ecology)
- Activity Field – Basketball, Chess, Checkers, and Obstacle Course
- Night Climb (Climbing Tower)

### **Campsite Events**

- Movie Night
- Minute to Win It!
- Mock Merit Badges!
- Game Night

The events listed here are subject to change before the start of camp

### **EXAMPLE EVENING PROGRAM MATRIX**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Scheduled Events	Night Swim	Night Climb	Activity Field	Telescope Workshop
Campsite Events	Movie Night	Mock Merit Badge	Game Night	Minute-to-win-it!

### **Troop Cracker Barrel**

Units may purchase cracker barrels for each night Monday through Thursday during camp. Cracker Barrel will be prepared by our kitchen staff and delivered and served in the campsite during your scheduled Campsite Event.

Monday – S’mores (\$1.25 per person)

Tuesday – Watermelon (\$0.75 per person)

Wednesday – Ice Cream Sundaes (\$1.50 per person)

Thursday – Root Beer Floats (\$1.50 per person)

### **Adult Leader Programs**

With the implementation of our cohort policy, we will be depending on adult leaders more than ever to make sure that their units are moving between program areas and observing the guidance issued in our Camp's COVID-19 Plan. However, we find it very important to make sure that our adult leaders have time to work on their own activities, relax, get into the Scoutmaster's Lounge, etc.

As we get closer to camp, we will be looking into options to provide safe Adult Leader Training, and additional Adult Leader Program Events. Stay tuned for more details!

### **Flag Ceremonies**

Due to group size limitations, morning flag ceremonies and announcements will be held within the campsite. A group of spirited, well-informed Tanah Keeta Summer Camp Staff will greet your campsite each morning and evening. The added benefit? Your scouts will be able to participate and learn how to run an awesome flag ceremony! Ask questions on the spot and get all the updates for the day ahead!

Your flag ceremony will begin based on your assigned mealtime. See "Mealtimes" under "Scheduling"

### **Campfire Program**

In addition to modifying our Flag Ceremonies, we will adjust how we offer our campfire programs. Campfire programs will be facilitated through the campsite, with camp staff moving between campsites during a certain timeframe to deliver a fun program, skits and songs.