

## COVID-19 Troop/Service Unit Camp Guidelines – May 29, 2021

The following is a summary of our current COVID-19 day camp guidelines, which will change as the orders and requirements from the Governor are modified. These changes can come with little advance notice so please check the COVID-19 Updates page on our website ([COVID 19 Updates](#)) for the most current information. If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org).

### Camp Guidelines

#### Preparing for Camp

- GSCWM does NOT allow Girl Scout activities, including outdoor/camp activities, at private residences.
- Activity & Travel requests must be submitted in advance of the activity, allowing adequate time for approval.
- It is imperative to take all safety precautions when girls travel in motor vehicles. Since the risk of COVID-19 transmission is high when people are in close proximity and in a closed-in area for more than ten minutes, girls from different households are discouraged from carpooling.
  - Parents must be notified ahead of time if girls will be in a car together.
  - Each unvaccinated person must complete the [Screening Form](#).
    - Completed forms must be retained for the duration of the membership year or for three months if the activity is held in August or September. Forms must be shredded after the retention period.
  - Unless all vehicle occupants are fully vaccinated, all occupants must wear a mask.
  - Space girls out as much as possible to avoid crowding.
  - Keep car windows at least partially open to circulate fresh air.
- Arrival times should be staggered to minimize family/camper overlap.
- Visitors, including parents, are not allowed.
- If a camper feels ill during the camp day or has COVID-19 symptoms, they will be separated from other campers and the parent/guardian or emergency contact must be notified and instructed to pick up their camper

#### Group Size

- “Day Camp” guidelines apply to any activity for 25 or more girls that lasts more than two hours. Day camp “Unit” (cohort) size must be 25 or fewer girls plus the required adults to meet safety ratios.
- Overnight “Unit” (cohort) size must be 12 or fewer girls plus the required adults to meet safety ratios.
- Units, including adults, must stay together throughout the day (no mixing of people from different units/groups).
  - Each unit/group must be physically separated from other units (e.g. each unit in a different location on the site).

## Standard COVID-19 Protocols

- Nobody should attend if they are showing any signs of illness. Each attendee must complete a COVID-19 Screening Form ([Screening Form](#)) upon arrival.
  - Completed forms must be retained for the duration of the membership year or for three months if the activity is held in August or September. Forms must be shredded after the retention period.
- Masks must be worn when singing and at all times when indoors, except when eating, drinking, or sleeping. Girls and adults who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged, but not required, to wear masks and maintain social distancing of at least three-feet when outdoors.
  - Extra masks should be available in case a camper's mask is soiled or unusable.
- All participants must wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - Wash when they arrive and prior to leaving, before eating, after using the restroom, and after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing.
  - Hand sanitizer needs to be available for all and it is preferable for each person to bring and use their own. Hand sanitizer (must be at least 60% alcohol and must NOT contain methanol) can be used, IF soap and water is not available. Parents/guardians must provide written permission for their daughter to use hand sanitizer.
- Personal items (e.g. hats, brushes, hair ties, towels) and drinking containers must not be shared.
- Disinfectant wipes or spray with paper towels need to be available and used to wipe down high-touch areas (door handles, chairs, tables, etc.) before and after use.

## Program Activities; Food/Snacks; Sleeping Areas

- For many, singing at camp is an integral part of the experience. During the pandemic, girls must wear masks while singing and especially loud songs and shouting should be discouraged to limit the spread of the aerosolized virus. Consider adding motions to songs, singing in sign language, or reading lips to keep sections together during a silent round. Creativity is fun!
- Shared supplies and equipment should be wiped after group use with sanitizing wipes. Personal items (hair ties, brushes, towels, etc.) and drink containers must not be shared.
- Groups using program equipment (e.g. archery & boats) need to be small enough to allow thorough disinfecting between each camper's use and still allow sufficient time for girls to enjoy the activity.
- No shared cooking or serving utensils for food are allowed (no buffets/pot lucks or self-service). Girls should bring their own lunch or snack from home (no sharing) or pre-packaged food/snacks can be provided. Adults handling food items must wear disposable gloves.
  - Staff must prepare and serve all meals
  - Self-serve buffets, including salad bars, and family-style meals are not allowed
  - Campers can have S'mores and individually cooked campfire meals if adults wearing gloves distribute the ingredients
- Sleeping areas are restricted to those in the same unit
  - Beds are placed so that individual heads are at least six feet apart. Most tents at GSCWM camps will sleep four, with this restriction.
  - Ventilation is maximized as much as possible (open windows, doors, tent flaps)
  - Face coverings/masks should not be worn while sleeping