



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 29 FOR BOYS TROOP 1029 FOR GIRLS

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COVID-19 PROGRAM RE-ENGAGEMENT PROTOCOLS

A Scout is...

Trustworthy

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Brave

Clean

Reverent

The health and safety of our scouts and adult leaders in our scouting program is always our first and foremost priority. As we look forward to the re-engagement of the scouting program at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, this document outlines the steps and procedures that the troops will be taking following federal, state, and local guidance and recommendations.

GENERAL

- Troops 29/1029 will follow guidance offered by RCCPC Session in opening and operation.
- A health and safety team comprised of uniformed and committee members will be formed and trained to execute the listed protocols. Ultimate enforcement decision and risk assessments lies with the Key-3 (Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chairman and Scoutmasters)
- Scouts/Adults whose health is deemed high risk/vulnerable should consult with a physician to determine if participating in scouting activities while social distancing is appropriate.
- Scouts/Adults are responsible for being aware of their own health and potential for possible exposure prior to a scout outing. Members who have been exposed – even if they show no signs/symptoms should not participate and follow appropriate isolation rules.

PHASE I (current)

The Session of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church has concluded that in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is not safe for “in person” youth activities at this time or for the foreseeable short term future, there can be no youth camping or youth trips this summer.

Virtual scouting will be continued will continue until such time as determined given permission to resume activities outlined in phase II of this document.

PHASE II

Phase II is deemed the period from initial permission to resume activities until general lifting of 'stay at home' sanctions.

TROOP MEETINGS Limit of 50 people

Supervision

- Adult leaders will be stationed at Founders Hall doorway to ensure orderly entrance and social distancing maintained.
- Adult leaders will be responsible for tracking attendance and validation of pre-entry process. Objective to understand who was in attendance and what was their condition upon arrival.

Maintaining Control:

- Designated waiting areas in the parking lot and surrounding grounds will be established allowing for 6 feet of separation.
- Designated entry/exit – one entrance into the building.
- Alternating patrol schedule.

Building Entry Protocol – to be followed by anyone seeking building entry.

- Appropriate masks that ***covers both the nose and mouth*** will be worn by anyone entering the building and during the program. Troop leadership retains the right and authority to determine “appropriate mask”.
 - The troop will be purchasing washable reusable masks for distribution to its members both scouts and adults.
 - Should a scout or adult misplace or lose the troop issued mask they will need to purchase a replacement or provide their own mask.
 - No one will be allowed to enter the building or participate in the program without a mask.
 - As needed, a supply of paper masks will be obtained for parents without masks seeking entry for administrative purposes.
- Wellness / Temperature Checks.
 - You will be asked, in the last 7 days, have you experienced any combination (which means at least two) of the following symptoms which are either out of the ordinary for you to experience and/or undiagnosed by a medical professional as being associated with a non-coronavirus affliction: fever of 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit, shortness of breath, dry cough, sore throat or severe full body muscle aches? If yes, then the participant will not be admitted to the program, scouts, or adults.
 - To enter the building scouts/adults will be tested for fever using a non-contact infrared thermometer. Participants, scout's, and adults may not have a temperature of 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit or above.
 - Should a scout or adult have a fever, even a low-grade fever of 99.5 or above they will not be admitted and sent home immediately.

- Personal sanitization.
 - Everyone will sanitize their hands upon entry utilizing hand sanitizer.

Meeting Process

- Supervision
 - Adult leaders will ensure order within the building.
 - A bathroom checkout process will be administered to ensure only one individual is out of the main hall and in the bathroom at a time.
- Social Distancing Guidelines
 - Floor will have preset floor markers throughout utilized space indicating 6-foot separation utilizing a 360-degree radius.
 - Leaders will have 6-foot social distance rods as visual cues to help scouts maintain distancing.
 - Troop Formations will practice social distancing guidelines for scouts and adult leaders.
 - Patrol formation – Scouts will be positioned 6 feet apart.
 - Patrol meetings will utilize a “circle up” formation to ensure scouts and leaders being 6 feet apart.
 - Dismissals from formations and meetings will be staggered to ensure group distancing between program transitions.
- Administrative support.
 - The registrar, advancement and finance tables will be separated into designated areas, again practicing 6-foot social distancing with floor marker indicating where participants should stand to engage committee members.
- Post Meeting Sanitization
 - The troop adult leaders will sanitize the bathrooms prior to and after the meeting.
 - Troop adult leaders will sanitize all tables/chairs utilized during the meeting.

WEEKEND CAMPING (SMALL GROUPS no more than 10 scouts)

Supervision

- Adult leaders will be responsible for tracking attendance and validation of pre-entry process. Objective to understand who was in attendance and what was their condition upon arrival.

Maintaining Control

- Designated check-in area will be established at the campsite.

Camping Locations / Conditions

- Indoor activity locations will be prohibited.

Camping Check-in Protocol

- Appropriate masks that **covers both the nose and mouth** will be worn by all participants throughout the event.
- Wellness and Temperature Check
 - At drop off scouts/adults will be tested for fever using a non-contact infrared thermometer.
 - You will be asked, in the last 7 days, have you experienced any combination (which means at least two) of the following symptoms which are either out of the ordinary for you to experience and/or undiagnosed by a medical professional as being associated with a non-coronavirus affliction: fever of 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit, shortness of breath, dry cough, sore throat or severe full body muscle aches? If yes, then the participant will not be admitted to the program, scouts, or adults.
 - To be able to participate scouts/adults will be tested for fever using a non-contact infrared thermometer. Participants, scout's, and adults may not have a temperature of 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit or above.
 - Should a scout or adult have a fever, even a low-grade fever of 99.5 or above they will not be admitted and sent home immediately.
- Personal Sanitization.
 - All participants, scouts and adults will sanitize their hands upon arrival utilizing hand sanitizer.

Camping Protocol

- Basics
 - Appropriate masks that **covers both the nose and mouth** will be worn by all participants. Masks will be changed daily.
 - Hand washing/sanitization stations will be established at the campsite.
 - Scouts will be required to sanitize prior to meals and before bed.
 - Daily temperature checks will be conducted each morning during medication time and results recorded.
- Social Distancing
 - To maintain social distancing, parents will be responsible for transporting scouts to/from the event.
 - Scouts will need written permission to carpool.
 - All tents will be single use. To maintain the buddy system a process of Buddy Tents will be established.
 - A 6-foot separation between tents will be maintained.
 - Personal Tents and hammocks are permitted with Scoutmaster approval.
 - The Buddy System will remain in place, but social distancing will be required.
 - Gear Sharing is prohibited.

- Traditional extra troop gear will not be available for use.
 - Formations for roll call, decrees, meals and chapel services will maintain 6-foot social distancing.
- Water
 - Communal Drink Coolers will not be utilized.
 - Bulk water containers will be handled by adults only.
- Cooking / Eating
 - Scouts will be responsible for bringing their own No-Cook meals for:
 - Friday Snack
 - Saturday Breakfast & Lunch
 - Sunday Breakfast
 - The troop will do cooking for Saturday dinner.
 - Food safety gloves will be worn by all cooks and servers.
 - Disposable plates/silverware will be employed.
 - Scouts must maintain 6-foot social distance while eating.
- Sanitization / Cleaning
 - All equipment utilized throughout the day will be cleaned.

PHASE III

Defined as the period when social distancing is still required but opportunities for exposure are deemed lessened.

TROOP MEETINGS

General

- Capacity restrictions relaxed, number TBD.
- Adult leaders will be stationed at Founders Hall doorway to ensure orderly entrance and social distancing maintained.
- Adult leaders will be responsible for tracking attendance and validation of pre-entry process. Objective to understand who was in attendance and what was their condition upon arrival.
- Temperature check, face masks may or may not be required, hand sanitizer station.
- Normal troop/patrol formations
- Controlled dismissal by patrol
- After troop meetings such as merit badge counseling, TBD.

Weekend Camping Troop – No more than 45 scout participants

Supervision

- Adult leaders will be responsible for tracking attendance and validation of pre-entry process. Objective to understand who was in attendance and what was their condition upon arrival.
- Adult leaders will be stationed at Scout Shed to ensure orderly entrance and social distancing maintained.

- Designated waiting areas in the parking lot and surrounding grounds will be established allowing for 6 feet of separation.

Camping Locations / Conditions

- Indoor activity locations will be prohibited.

Camping Check-in Protocol

- Appropriate masks that ***covers both the nose and mouth*** will be worn by all participants throughout the event.
- Wellness and Temperature Check
 - At drop off scouts/adults will be tested for fever using a non-contact infrared thermometer.
 - You will be asked, in the last 7 days, have you experienced any combination (which means at least two) of the following symptoms which are either out of the ordinary for you to experience and/or undiagnosed by a medical professional as being associated with a non-coronavirus affliction: fever of 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit, shortness of breath, dry cough, sore throat or severe full body muscle aches? If yes, then the participant will not be admitted to the program, scouts, or adults.
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 - Should a scout or adult have a fever, even a low-grade fever of 99.5 or above they will not be admitted and sent home immediately.
- Personal sanitization
 - Scouts will sanitize their hands upon arrival utilizing hand sanitizer.
 - Gear loading will operate on a "put in place" practice.
 - Scouts will put their gear in a designated place for loading then the quartermasters with 6-foot distancing will then load that gear into the troop trailer. This process will be reversed for unloading as well. If a "pack line" can be effectively utilized with 6-foot distancing this could be an option.
 - Troop formations for roll call, decrees, meals, and chapel services will maintain 6-foot social distancing.
- Transportation
 - Carpooling will go into effect; all vehicle passengers must wear appropriate masks in transit. Parents have the option of dropping off and picking up scouts from the campsite. Must be roundtrip.
- Cooking /Eating
 - Scouts will be responsible for their own no cook Friday snack. No Wawa or other convenience store stops.

- Patrol Cooking will resume but with adult leader supervision. Food safety gloves and masks will be worn by all cooks and servers.
 - Disposable plates/silverware will be employed.
 - A two-table serving process will be employed to limit exposure of communal meal to multiple individuals and maintain 6 supervised by adult leaders.
 - 6-foot separation between individual and foodservice.
 - Communal drink coolers and bulk water containers will be supervised by adult leaders.
- Sanitization / Cleaning
 - All equipment utilized throughout the day will be cleaned.

Illness Plan for a Scout or Adult Leader

Leaders will identify an area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-19-like symptoms while ensuring that scouts are not left without adult supervision.

Scout parents will be contacted and required to collect and transport their scout who has become sick at the campsite/facility to their home or a healthcare facility.

Troop leadership will notify local health officials if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 has been at the campsite/facility and communicate with staff and Troop about potential exposure while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) or other applicable laws in accordance with religious practices.

Inform those with exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay at home and self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

Close off areas used by the sick person and do not use the area until after cleaning and disinfection; wait 24 hours to clean and disinfect to reduce risk to individuals. If it is not possible to wait 24 hours, wait as long as possible before cleaning and disinfecting. Ensure safe and correct application of disinfectant and keep disinfectant products away from children.

Advise sick staff and scouts /adults not to return to the event/campground/facility until they have met the CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation.

Note: All the above stated policies and protocols are subject to change based on the direction of the charter partners, Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, BSA Delmarva Council, Federal, State and Local government restrictions, and guidance.