

Camp Roger Camp Scottie

2020 GO CAMP ROGER and GO CAMP SCOTTIE Safety Policies in Response to COVID-19

1. **How will you reduce the risk of COVID at your camps?** This is an important question. Like many things about summer camp, we cannot eliminate all risk, but we will do our best to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. We understand and respect that each family needs to decide if camp is right for them this summer. We have spent weeks completely overhauling our program for the summer to choose activities and procedures that minimize risk. Currently that document is about 30 pages long! Here is a brief summary:

1. Summer staff all received COVID testing before arriving, are living on-site, and are voluntarily submitting themselves to restrictions of visitors and off-site visits.
 2. Campers and all staff will be screened daily with a temperature check to reduce the risk of somebody coming to camp who is ill.
 3. Overnight camp has been cancelled and day-only GO Camp programs eliminate the risk of overnight sleeping and food service.
 4. *Outside is safer than inside.* It is more important than ever to Get Outside this summer. GO Camps will be outside of buildings for most of each day. While each cabin group will have its own indoor space to store a backpack and dedicated bathrooms, we have planned all activities to be outdoors. This will be safer and healthier for the children.
 5. Group distancing: Campers will be assigned to a cabin group at Camp Roger or an animal group at Camp Scottie. Each group will be having its own camp experience and will be independent from other groups. We will not be playing large group games such as Capture the Flag this summer. When there are interactions between groups (announcements, campfires, etc.) we intend to maintain social distancing between groups.
 6. Within cabin or animal groups we will try to maximize social distancing where it is reasonable and feasible. This will look differently in different situations. Our intent is to minimize the risk of illness spread, but it cannot be eliminated. It is easier to be socially distant when eating a sack lunch. Full social distancing space between campers is a little harder to incorporate with activities and games, but we will choose activities that maximize allowable distance. There are times when space between campers is not feasible and we will try to minimize these. We do hope to eliminate physical touch between campers and minimize touch between campers and counselors.
 7. Cleaning and sanitizing are going to be a huge part of our summer and includes these procedures: Counselors will have bottles of hand sanitizer with them this summer. Activity areas or program supplies that will be used by one group and then later used by a different group, will be cleaned, and sanitized between groups. Campers will sanitize their hands before and after these activities. All cabin areas will be cleaned and sanitized after use each day as well.
2. **Will you be cleaning in a different way this summer?** Yes, we will be doing A LOT more cleaning and sanitizing this summer. We have 30 gallons of hand sanitizer and cases of cleaning supplies ready to go. Through information from the CDC and our state/local governments, we have received and are implementing ramped up cleaning procedures for the summer. We have staff that will be assigned cleaning and sanitizing duties this summer.

3. **How often will you be cleaning frequently used common items?** Some activity supplies will be cleaned and sanitized between uses (such as archery equipment, playground balls, etc.) Campers will be asked to sanitize their hands before and after each use. Some supplies will be dedicated to each group and won't be shared between groups (i.e. each group will have their own crate of craft supplies). Some items that are not easily cleaned will be used once and then quarantined for three days before they are available for use again (i.e. life jackets and ropes course equipment.)

4. **How will you keep groups apart from each other?** Our cabin groups will remain a close-knit group throughout the session, similar to a family group at home. Cabin groups will not be interacting together except from a distance. Large group announcements, singing, campfires, and such will take place outdoors with large groups seated six feet apart from each other. Any large group games will incorporate safe distancing between groups.

5. **If they are in a group, will they practice social distancing?** Yes, but not strictly. Some activities can incorporate social distancing and other activities will incorporate moderate social distancing. There will be times when social distancing within groups is very difficult. We hope that screening, cleaning, and other procedures will minimize risk during these non-distancing times within groups.

6. **Will you be inside at all?** At GO Camp Roger, our cabin groups will each have their own cabin and porch area to use for inclement weather. At GO Camp Scottie, Creekside Center and Tamarack Lodge will be used. Each cabin group will have its own dedicated bathroom space that it does not share with other groups. Campers will spend minimal time indoors each day upon arrival and when using the bathroom. On rainy days, we still plan to go outdoors, but additional time may be spent indoors.

7. **Do campers need to bring a mask?** We ask that each camper come with a mask. In general, we do not plan to regularly use masks. In the case that a camper needs to have close interaction with an individual outside of their group, or if they need to go into a different building, then we will ask them to wear a mask. This type of interaction might be with a Health Officer, Head Counselor, or another support staff person.

8. **How will you keep counselors healthy throughout the summer?** Counselors were required to pass a COVID-19 test prior to beginning residence at camp. Counselors are required to provide daily temperatures and a daily report on health screening questions. Counselors will limit their exposure to individuals outside of camp and campers this summer. Our summer staff moved onto our campus, partially to keep ourselves protected and healthy, so that we can serve children this summer.

9. **What happens if a child or counselor shows COVID-type symptoms while at camp?** Screening questions and daily temperature testing will reduce the risk of sick individuals from arriving at camp. We have an onsite Health Officer who is available to assess any illness or injury. We have been in contact with the health department and have developed guidelines for how to handle these situations. If a camper becomes sick during the day with COVID-like symptoms, we ask that once a parent is notified, they pick up their child as soon as possible. The camper will be quarantined until a parent can come pick them up. We will appropriately clean and sanitize the spaces that camper was in throughout that day. Families of other campers in that cabin group will be notified that a camper was sent home feeling ill. We will request that the camper receive a COVID test and report the results to us. If the test comes back positive, then we will notify the Health Department and will notify all families at camp that session.

2020 Health Procedures, Health Screening, and Check In/Out Procedures:

1. **What is your lice policy?** We do not plan to do lice checks during GO Camps this summer.

2. **Can someone other than parents drop off/pick up a camper?** We recommend that a parent or relative drop off your camper, but we understand that sometimes this is not possible. The guardian dropping off your camper must be able to complete the child's daily health screening. The guardian picking up the child must be listed as a designated person for this role on your form. We encourage you to minimize mixing of families in vehicles to minimize the risk of spreading illness.

3. **What do I need to know about check-in or check-out procedures?**

- a. Please make sure your camper is feeling well *before you arrive* at camp.
- b. Minimize the extra people that are arriving with your camper. The fewer people arriving at camp, the lower the chance of spreading illness.
- c. In order to make pickup and drop off go as smoothly and quickly as possible, we will be assigning arrival times for drop off and pick up. More information will be given to you before you arrive.
- d. Upon arrival, wait for a staff member to greet you at your car. You will be asked the health screening questions and if there are no concerns, then the camper will be allowed out of the car and a staff member will take their temperature.
- e. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we request that only the camper exits the vehicle or uses our bathrooms while at camp. Visitors are limited this summer. Unfortunately, that means that you will not be able to visit the nature center or visit the cabin where your camper will have home base. Sorry.
- f. Pickup procedures will be similar at the end of the day.