

Camp Roger Camp Scottie

2020 GO Programming, Home School Group, and Outdoor Education Safety Policies in Response to COVID-19

1. **How will you reduce the risk of COVID at Camp Roger and Camp Scottie?** This is an important question. Like many things about our 2020 summer camp program, Camp Roger 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 our programs are right for their family. Since April we have spent a lot of time and energy overhauling our programs to choose activities and procedures that minimize risk. Here is a brief summary of how we propose to minimize risk:
 - a) Staff working in programs and students participating in programs will be screened and temperature checked daily before participating in those programs.
 - b) *Outside is safer than inside.* It is more important than ever to Get Outside this year. GO Camps will be outside of buildings for most of each day. While each 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.
 - c) Group distancing: Students will be assigned to an activity group while at Camp. Each group will be having its own camp experience and will be independent from other group distancing. We will not be doing large group team building games or other large group activities such as Capture the Flag. When there are interactions between groups (announcements, campfires, etc.) we intend to maintain social distancing between groups. Students will stay in the same activity groups for the duration of their program. We will not be switching students between groups. As much as possible, our staff will stay within the same activity group but there will definitely be times when staff expertise and training will mandate that they rotate between activity groups. Social distancing and use of masks will help mitigate cross contamination between activity groups by staff.
 - d) Within activity 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. For example, it is easier to be socially distant when eating a sack lunch but full social distancing space between students is a little harder to incorporate during activities and games. We will do our best to choose activities that maximize allowable distance. There are times when space between students is not feasible and we will try to minimize these. We do hope to eliminate physical touch between students and minimize touch between students and leaders.
 - e) Cleaning and sanitizing will continue to be a huge part of our program. Staff will have bottles of hand sanitizer with them. 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. Students will sanitize their hands before and after these activities. All cabin areas or indoor areas will be cleaned and sanitized after use each day as well.

2. **Will you be cleaning in a different way this year?** Yes, are doing A LOT more cleaning and sanitizing. We have gallons of hand sanitizer and cases of cleaning supplies ready to go. Through information from the CDC and our state/local governments, we have been implementing ramped up cleaning procedures throughout the summer and will continue throughout the school year. We have staff that are assigned cleaning and sanitizing duties.
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.) Students will be asked to sanitize their hands before and after each use. Some supplies will be dedicated to each group and will not 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 activity groups will remain a close-knit group throughout the experience, similar to a family group at home. Different activity 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.
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?** Our activity groups will each have their own cabin and porch area to use for inclement weather. Each activity group will have its own dedicated bathroom space that it does not share with other groups. Students will spend minimal time indoors each day upon arrival and when using the bathroom. On rainy or really cold days, we still plan to be outdoors the majority of the time. Weather appropriate clothing, like raincoats and warm outdoor winter clothing, will be important.
7. **Do students need to bring a mask?** We ask that each student come with a mask. Students and staff will be required to wear masks whenever they are indoors. The only exception is for when students may be eating their lunches or snacks inside on an inclement weather day. Students will be outside the majority of the time and will not be required to wear masks while they are outside unless specific programming prevents social distancing from being possible. Staff will not be required to wear a mask while outside unless they are in a situation where they cannot be socially distant from campers, and at those times will wear masks.
8. **What happens if a child or staff 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 for Home school and GO Days. We have been in contact with

the health department and have developed guidelines for how to handle these situations. If a student 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 student will be quarantined until a parent can come pick them up. We will appropriately clean and sanitize the spaces that student was in throughout that day. Families of other students in that cabin group will be notified that a student was sent home feeling ill. We will request that the student 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. **Can someone other than parents drop off/pick up a camper?** We recommend that a parent or relative drop off your student, but we understand that sometimes this is not possible. The guardian dropping off your student 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.
2. **What do I need to know about check-in or check-out procedures?**
 - a) Please make sure your student 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) 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 student will be allowed out of the car and a staff member will take their temperature.
 - d) Pickup procedures will be similar at the end of the day.