



Use of Connecticut Yankee Council Camps

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General Information

- Camp facilities are now operating at 100% of capacity.
- All CYC personnel, including Rangers and Campmasters, are authorized to enforce camp restrictions on activities.
- Each member should have a clean and dry face mask available to wear. Face masks should be worn when social distancing is not possible. This applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated members, youth and adult. Face masks should not be worn in or near water, while eating, or while sleeping.
- Any units traveling to a BSA camp operated by another Council must be prepared to follow the guidance of that other Council, in addition to the guidance provided by Connecticut Yankee Council.
- Any units traveling to an activity outside the State of Connecticut must be prepared to follow the guidance of the other state(s) including any restrictions on travel to the other state.

Scout Unit, Group, and Individual Responsibilities

- The BSA “Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist” (attached) has been adapted by our council. It is recommended that everyone use this checklist prior to beginning each activity.
- Individual units/groups may interact with other units/groups in camp as long as social distancing is maintained between the units/groups or face coverings worn where social distancing is not possible. Unit leaders should exchange contact information in the event contact tracing becomes necessary due to illness.
- Units/groups should manage their own program and protocols for physical distancing and use face coverings.
- Units/groups should provide disinfecting supplies necessary for their activity.
- Unit leaders should maintain an accurate roster of all participants, youth and adult, for each activity. A copy of the roster is no longer required for the Ranger/Campmaster.
- Unit leaders must report, within 12 hours, any confirmed or strongly suspected cases of communicable disease infections, including COVID-19, occurring within 14 days after the activity to Connecticut Yankee Council (camping@ctyankee.org). Unit leaders are also required to notify parents of Scouts who participated in the activity, as well as the unit’s Chartered Organization Representative.

Policy on Sanitary Facilities (latrines, chemical toilets, and bathrooms):

- When a latrine, chemical toilet, or bathroom is being used for more than 12 consecutive hours, it is recommended that the unit or event organizer clean and disinfect the seats and common touch points at least once every 12 hours.

Overnight Camping

- Unit overnight camping is limited to tent and lean-to sites.
- Cabins remain available for program use 24/7, but currently are not for overnight sleeping.
- While it is recommended to sleep 1 person per tent, it is acceptable to camp with a maximum of 2 people per tent.
- When sharing a tent or lean-to, individuals should not sleep closer than 6 feet from one another. Individuals sleeping near one other or in bunk beds should be arranged to sleep head-to-toe.
- Any adult member using a CPAP machine must not share a tent or lean-to with other adults

Severe weather

- Any buildings occupied for emergencies must be reported to the Campmaster/Ranger.

Illness while in camp

- Anyone feeling ill during an activity must be immediately isolated by the unit leader and returned home as soon as possible. If any of the symptoms match those of COVID-19 as described in the BSA Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist, ALL unit/group program activities must stop, all participants must wash hands and put on face masks. The entire unit must depart camp ASAP and return home.
- The Campmaster/Ranger must be notified of the illness.



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Recommended Best Practices

Pre-arrival and transportation

- Before arriving at camp, each participant should complete the Model Pre-Event Medical Screening-
- Medically 'at-risk' persons should not participate in activities or provide transportation for others.

Cooking/meal planning

- All safe handling and sanitization practices for preparing food should be rigorously observed.
- Face masks should be worn when preparing or handling food for others.
- Mess kits and utensils should not be shared.
- Participants should follow social distancing guidelines while eating.

Campfires and Programs

- Participants should bring their own camp chair (with their name) to help maintain social distancing around campfires.
- Avoid skits that involve close contact acting.



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COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Name: _____ Unit/Campsite: _____ Date: _____

Review with each youth and adult participant their current health status, both before departure and upon arrival at the event. Everyone entering a camp or event must be screened.

- Yes No Are you currently in quarantine for COVID-19 exposure or due to contact tracing?
- Yes No Are you currently waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test?

In the past 14 days, have you or has anyone in your household...

- Yes No - been in close contact with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19?
- Yes No - been in close contact with anyone who is waiting for results of a COVID-19 test?
- Yes No - been sick?
- Yes No - travelled outside of the United States?

* CDC definition of "Close Contact": Within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15+ minutes over a 24-hour period; direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them); shared eating or drinking utensils; an infected person sneezed or coughed on you

If the answer is YES to any question above, you should stay home.
If the answer is NO to all questions above, proceed to the symptoms below

If anyone in your household has any one of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19, the entire household must stay home.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath | <input type="checkbox"/> Fever of 100 F or more | <input type="checkbox"/> Cough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell | <input type="checkbox"/> Chills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flu-like symptoms | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache |

NOTE: Potential Higher-Risk Individuals

- Yes No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the CDC, including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

If the answer is YES, we recommend you stay home. If you choose to participate, you should first discuss this with your health care provider.

- Yes No Have you been vaccinated for COVID-19? Last shot: _____
- Yes No Do you have a recent negative COVID-19 test? When: _____