

2021 Overnight/Resident Summer Camps

COVID Precautions and Protocols At A Glance

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Below are the safety precautions that will be taken at GSLAC overnight summer camps this summer to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. All procedures have been created and approved by a panel of physicians.

Camp Screening:

- Upon arrival to any camp, campers will be screened for symptoms and asked about activities outside of their home within the past 14 days, including travel and social/family gatherings.
- Temperatures will be taken of all campers, adults, and staff upon arrival at camp and then daily at the start of each day. Temperatures will be recorded by the unit leadership. One thermometer will be provided per unit.
- Campers should stay home if they:
 - Feel unwell in any way
 - Are awaiting COVID-19 test results
 - Have been exposed in the past 14 days
 - Exposure is defined as being with someone who has COVID-19 or is suspected of having COVID-19 while you were:
 - Within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes during a 24 hour period
 - Masked or unmasked
 - Indoors or outdoors
 - Had direct physical contact with the individual
 - Shared eating or drinking utensils
 - Coughed or sneezed on
- Individuals that are at a heightened-risk for COVID-19 should not attend camp and should consult their doctor if there is any concern over the risk of attending summer camp.
- Please limit your social activities 14 days prior to camp.
 - Minimize travel (unless to camp) within that timeframe.

Minimizing Risk at Camp:

- All camp participants are to bring masks to camp and are required to carry them with them at all times unless actively participating in aquatic activities.
- Masks are not required during outdoor activities except when physically distanced less than six feet apart.
- If a Camp Director finds that social distancing is not being practiced, he or she may request that everyone wear masks at all times except when eating, drinking, or swimming.
- If a camp staff member finds that social distancing is not practical during an activity, he or she may request that everyone wear masks for the duration of that activity.
- Masks are required indoors for every person at camp regardless of age or whether someone has been vaccinated. Masks must always cover both nose and mouth unless actively eating, or drinking.
- Camp activities will be modified and adapted to adhere to proper social distancing.
- All shared supplies will be disinfected after each use.
- Frequent hand hygiene will be required throughout the day. Ample hand sanitizer will be available at all activity and eating areas.
- Where possible, campers will be separated into groups and kept within those smaller groups to avoid any unnecessary exposure.

- Meals will be conducted via either family or patrol cooking-style, depending on the camp. Campers must eat meals with their unit and will not be seated within 6 feet of another unit. Meal areas will be disinfected in between use. Units will have tables assigned to them for the duration of camp.
- Generally, each camper and adult will tent alone. Tenting waivers are possible for the camps in Missouri. Current guidelines issued by Illinois prevents the use of such waivers. Fully vaccinated campers may tent together in Missouri. Members of the same family may tent together under certain circumstances, in keeping with Youth Protection policies.

Zero-Tolerance Policy:

- There will be a zero-tolerance policy at all camps for anyone who does not adhere to the stated COVID-19 precautions and policies. Campers and/or adults will be sent home if they knowingly violate these policies and do not correct their behavior. Parents are instructed to be on-call at all times while their campers(s) is/are at camp.
- Parents are instructed to make sure their camper(s) understand all policies and procedures before arriving to camp.
- A COVID-19 waiver and agreement will be signed by all parents of campers in order to acknowledge these precautions.

No Penalty Refund Policy:

- In 2021, refunds will be offered to anyone who feels uncomfortable attending camp, anyone who gets COVID, or anyone who was exposed to someone with COVID or suspected of having COVID. Refunds will be prorated based on the amount of time spent at camp.

Even with strict precautions and safety measures, there is still a possibility of COVID-19 at camp. By attending a GSLAC summer camp and signing the COVID-19 waiver and agreement, parents acknowledge they will do their best to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and know that there is always a risk.

For more details on GSLAC summer camps, please visit: www.stlbsa.org