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Mississippi Valley Council Summer Camp FAQ

- 1. Why is the Mississippi Valley Council (MVC) still continuing to hold 2020 summer camp during the COVID-19 pandemic?**
 - a. As the Boy Scouts of America, it is our sole mission to provide the outdoor experience in a safe and secure manner. We are working with local health departments, our risk management committee and the executive board to find a way to offer the camping experience while being 100% committed to the safety of our campers and staff.
- 2. If registered participant contracts COVID-19 while at camp does this fall under BSA Accident and Sickness insurance or theirs?**
 - a. This, like with any injury or illness during camp, will first fall under the participant's primary insurance plan.
- 3. Why is MVC okay to run camp compared to all councils around here?**
 - a. Though there are some nearby councils who have decided to not have camp this summer, the majority of camps in the country are still scheduled to have camp (as of 5/13/20). Councils throughout the country (including the MVC) are sharing their strategies to ensure a safe and enjoyable camping experience.
- 4. How do you plan to adequately train and prepare camp staff?**
 - a. We will work with our county health department and volunteer health professionals to update all camp safety and sanitary protocol. All staff will be trained to meticulously adhere to each protocol and learn to sanitize areas before and after each activity. Activity areas include all benches and tables at camp, restrooms, trading post, gaga pits, and equipment.
- 5. How will you access and secure appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), medical supplies, sanitizers, and cleaning supplies?**
 - a. We have already been working with our supplier and placed initial orders. We are also being provided sanitation materials and PPE from the BSA National Supply.
- 6. How will you train the staff and participants on the use of those items?**
 - a. This training will be included with our other staff trainings we do as we prepare for camp.
- 7. How will you prepare to serve meals safely?**
 - a. We will not be gathering in the dining hall in 2020. Meals and menus are being reconfigured to be prepared and distributed to campers in campsites.
- 8. How will you insure the health and safety of all the staff and participants?**
 - a. Medical questionnaires will be required to be conducted prior to leaving home for camp and again once on camp property. We will work out a schedule, so you know in what group you belong prior to arrival at camp. Once at camp we will have numerous health professionals on site to do medical checks. We will not allow for screenings to be done in one large gathering area. Scouts and Scouters will be divided up prior to camp and sent to areas accordingly.
- 9. How and who will implement and maintain health screenings, cleaning, sanitation, and social distance protocols?**
 - a. We will have several medical professionals on site to do initial medical checks. We are hiring a specific sanitation team that will oversee cleaning and sanitation for the duration of camp. We are working with the local health departments to make sure we are following protocol for these





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procedures. Social Distance is very important, and we will have webinars prior to camp that will discuss these procedures with unit leaders.

- 10. If participants must wear face coverings, are there laundry facilities available to wash face coverings and PPE?**
 - a. Participants must wear masks at all time, and we will have laundry facilities on site to wash them.
- 11. What are the precautions for out of state participants that come from areas that may be hot spots or have more lenient restrictions than IL?**
 - a. At this time, we are not allowing out of council units that had not already signed up to attend our council camps, to attend. We will continue to evaluate this as we move closer to camp season.
- 12. What measures are being taken to clean the shower facilities?**
 - a. A Sanitation Team will be hired, and we are working with the local health departments on the policies and procedures that will ensue.
- 13. What if I cannot get a physical?**
 - a. National BSA has implemented a one-time exemption this year. If you have a physical from 2.1.19 or after, that will be acceptable. We will also accept other forms of physicals (well checks from pediatricians, school physicals, work physicals, etc.) Digital signatures from doctors are acceptable.
- 14. My leader can't go, is there a Provisional Camp I can attend?**
 - a. Due to the unique circumstances that COVID-19 brings, we are not having Provo in 2020.
- 15. What is the plan if someone is experiencing symptoms?**
 - a. If a camper, adult or staff member is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they will need to go home. Please refer to the 2020 Health Plan Addendum provided by our Council Physician, Dr. Doug Peters.

