

# Scouts BSA Samoset Council Spring Camporee

## IT'S A Mystery

### Leader's Resource Guide

#### May 20-23, 2021

#### **COVID-19 Risk Acknowledgement**

Your safety and the safety of all our members and volunteers is the top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to come to the Camporee. First, our leadership, is coordinating with state and local health departments to ensure we are informed of and comply with their guidance to mitigate the risks COVID-19 being contracted at the event.

#### **Our mitigation plan includes:**

- Pre-attendance education and pre-event screening checklist.
- Health screening upon your arrival at the event conducted by our medical team, which will also include a temperature check.
- Interaction between different troops will be minimal. At common events (flag raising/lowering, chapel service and the awards ceremony) troops must spread out to minimize contact and face coverings are required)
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout the event.
- CDC approved face coverings/masks are required for all participants.
- Trained staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at the Winter Event. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into the Event.

We also know the very nature of camping makes social distancing difficult in many situations.

**Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending the Event.**

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending the Event. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

**CDC approved face coverings/masks are required for all participants.**

# General Information

## Participants

This event is for Scouts BSA members.

## Check-in and Registration

All troops should check-in upon arrival. ***Everyone will have a temperature check before passing the gate area.***

We want to know where you intend to camp BEFORE you set up! There will be some area's that will be off limits to use and we don't want to have to make you move your campsite after you have it set up. Scoutmasters may come back later to confirm their registration.

## Registration Fee

Pre-Registration must be done online. The registration fee is \$15.00 for each attendee. The fee covers the cost of the patch, prizes, awards, toilets, fees, insurance, etc. Pre-Registration must be done through DoubleKnot at <http://www.samoset.org/>

Pre-Registration is open until May 14th. You may pay at the event.

## Camping Area

All campsites will be in the specified areas only, so please check in BEFORE YOU SET UP CAMP.

## Parking

**You are allowed to park by your campsite. Please try to leave the roadways open.**

## Firewood

Ground fires will be allowed, pending Fire Danger status. Be sure and return them to their natural condition when you leave. **Due to the emerald ash borer threat, we ask that all wood that is brought in come from no more than 50 miles away. Any extra wood that you bring to Camp must either be burned up or taken with you. It cannot be left behind.**

## Meals

No meals will be provided at this event. Each unit is on their own for meal planning and preparation.

## First Aid and Medical Care

All injuries should be brought to the attention of the Camporee Staff **IMMEDIATELY!** Minor cuts and scratches that can be handled with a Troop first aid kit should be handled in the campsite.

## Water

Please bring portable water from your home to cover all your needs for the weekend, including fire safety measures.

## Lighting

Bring your own lanterns. Lanterns using liquid fuel must have proper adult supervision at all times. No liquid fuel, other than that in a lantern or cooking stove, will be permitted in the campsite.

## Toilets

There will be portable toilets and a washstand for everyone's use. Be mindful of others.

## Alcohol & Tobacco

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted at encampments or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

## Pets

***No pets are allowed.***

## Check-Out

Check-out will be available before and after the Closing Award Ceremony. Your troop site has to be checked-out by a Camporee Staff member BEFORE you leave. All troops must be checked out by 10:30am

### **Scout Spirit**

Bring and display your troop and patrol flags. Special attention will be given as to troop and patrol Scout Spirit and how they operate as a unit during the weekend.

### **A Scout is Courteous**

Remember this part of the Scout Law! **Stay out of other troop campsites unless invited or given permission to enter.**

### **Questions?**

Any questions regarding the Camporee can be sent to the Chairman Dan Zieher via email at

### **Patch Contest**

All Youth Scouts may submit a patch design for the camporee. A 3' circle is recommended for the patch. Patch design must include the following. Samoset Council Spring Camporee 2021. and the Scout Symbol. The theme is 'It's a Mystery', should be reflected in the design, wording not needed. Should be in color unless black and white is the design. Designs need to be turned in by Noon on Saturday for display. Voting will take place a designated time in the schedule.

### **Saturday Events**

Each Troop will be asked to provide 1 to 2 demonstrations of requirements from the Racks of Scout through First Class during the morning, with time in the afternoon for the Scouts to return to show their knowledge of the skill for advancement. Please send your choices to Dan Zieher by May 1<sup>st</sup> to finalize the program.

Afternoon, Scouts as a patrol, will also have the opportunity to demonstrate and display 'Camp Gadgets' in the main field area. These will be judged by the SPLs for creativity, correct use of knots, lashings, and durability.

Scout Handbook Trivia. During the morning and posted through out the campgrounds, trivia question will be posted, based on the Handbook, for Scouts to answer as a patrol. Turn in results at 4pm to main tent area.

Evening, Campfire and Awards will take place. Each Troop or Patrol is asked to prepare a skit or song for the program. Please stop at the main tent during the afternoon to get these approved before the campfire program.

Late Evening, 10pm Main Field area, Star gazing will take place for those that are interested. We will provide star charts for the Scouts to use to identify what they see. UFO's are optional.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Model COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

Use this checklist to assist in identifying potential COVID-19 cases before event participation.

Review with each youth and adult participant their current health status, both before departure and upon arrival at the event. **Anyone entering a camp or event – including visitors, vendors, etc. – must be screened.**

**Councils should customize with input from their council health supervisor and local health department.**

- Yes  No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact\\*](#) in the past 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?
- Yes  No Have you or has anyone in your household been in [close contact\\*](#) with anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for results?
- Yes  No Have you or has anyone in your household been sick in the past 14 days, or have you or they been tested for any illness and are waiting for results?
- Yes  No Has anyone in your household been exposed to an individual known or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Yes  No Have you or has anyone you have been in [close contact\\*](#) with traveled on a cruise ship or internationally or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the past 14 days?

**\*According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “close contact” means:**

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- You had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- An infected person sneezed, coughed, or otherwise got respiratory droplets on you

***If the answer is YES to any one of the five questions above, the participant must stay home.***

***If all answers above are NO, proceed to the symptoms list below.***

### Symptoms of COVID-19

*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.*

- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Fever of 100.0° or greater
- Flu-like symptoms
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

### ***\*Potential Higher-Risk Individuals\****

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

***If the answer is “yes,” we recommend that you stay home.***

***Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your health care provider.***