



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SUMMER CAMP 2021

ANNOUNCEMENT

Contra Costa County is now vaccinating 12-16 year olds. Check out the link here to schedule appointments: <https://covidvaccine.cchealth.org/COVIDVaccine/>

Editor's Note:

The email below was sent to *all registrants* of GGAC Summer Camp 2021 based off the Black Pug registration system. Some of the people who receive this email will include those who may have had an error receiving their email OR did not register for Summer Camp this year. **However, there is important information about COVID-19 protocols**, what you would need to bring, and conditions for Campers and Drivers to be permitted to camp such as acceptable negative COVID-19 tests (within 72 hours of arrival to camp OR proof of COVID-19 vaccination (copy is permitted)).

A pdf version of the email below is available here: <https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/IMPORTANT-INFORMATION-FOR-SUMMER-CAMP-2021-051421.pdf>

Update: 05/14/2021

- The Campership Deadline is extended to May 15th, so don't hesitate (<https://ggacbsa.org/resources/>)
- The ongoing California drought means there will not be ANY wood or charcoal campfires allowed at any of the three camps (Camp Royaneh, Camp Wolfeboro, or Wente Scout Reservation) this summer. The only exception is for self-contained propane firepits. This is per the guidance from ALL the local fire authorities.
- Propane- and butane-based stoves will be allowed for heating water for coffee, tea, or cocoa. Each unit will be required to bring a fire extinguisher to camp.

- Dining Halls are expected to be at 50% indoor capacity with the balance eating outdoors. In the event a Dining Hall isn't opened for inside seating, all seating will be outdoors with "To Go" Meals.

COVID Guidance

Please understand that this is a rapidly changing landscape, and we will do our best to keep you informed of any changes. As vaccinations are only available for individuals 12 years and older, we are handling all our camps as if they are "not fully vaccinated." Please read through this information carefully. We will be following each camp's home county's Health Department Guidance. This means that Week 1 camp may look different from Week 3 or Week 5 camp, and the Guidance at Camp Wolfeboro may be different from Wente Scout Reservation as they are in different counties. We know there will still be questions and we will do our best to answer them as rapidly as possible (camping@ggacbsa.org).

- ALL Campers and Drivers must show proof of either a valid vaccination for COVID-19 (both doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer with at least two weeks of elapsed time after the second dose or two weeks of elapsed time after the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine) or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of arrival at camp in the case of a PCR-based test before being allowed to unload. (If using an antigen-based test (Rapid), the results must be within 24 hours of arrival at camp.)
- We are recommending the validated PCR-based test for those not able to be vaccinated. (Often covered by insurance.)
- Validated rapid tests (antigen-based) are allowed, but not OTC tests done at home.
- In 2021, Day Visitors are NOT allowed at camp, in order to maintain a more stable camp population. Only visitors on official Council business will be allowed.
- Troops will need to transport any Scout in their Unit to the Merit Badge session field trips listed in the Leaders' Guide, with no 1-to-1 contact in the vehicle and while maintaining Two-Deep Leadership at camp, in compliance with BSA Youth Protection.

Pre-Camp Procedures

1. Each unit should have completed the BSA SAFE RESTART checklist.
2. Each Camper (Youth and Adult) is required to complete the Personal Health Screening Survey (See the Parent Guide).
3. Every Camper and Driver must have a temperature below 100.4 °F just prior to departure for camp.
4. All Campers and Drivers must have proof either of COVID Vaccination (copy OK) or a validated negative COVID test (non-home test) taken within 72 hours of arrival at camp. All Campers and Drivers are highly encouraged to self-quarantine for the 72 hours prior to arrival at camp.
 5. For the Two-Dose Vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna), the individual must have received both doses of the vaccine at least two weeks prior to arrival at camp.
 6. For the One-Dose Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson), the individual must have received the vaccine at least two weeks prior to arrival at camp.
 7. The CDC does not recommend getting tested again in the three months after a positive viral test if the person does not have symptoms of COVID-19. Campers and staff who have had a positive viral test in the 3 months prior to starting camp and have met the criteria to end isolation should have a letter from their healthcare provider documenting the positive test date and stating the individual is cleared to end isolation.
 8. Should a Camper miss camp due to a COVID infection, a full refund will be given.

Procedures at Camp

1. Upon arrival at camp, the driver and all occupants must show proof of either a COVID Vaccination (copy ok) or a validated negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of arrival at camp or a letter from their healthcare provider documenting the positive test date and stating the individual is cleared to end isolation before the vehicle may be unloaded. Any vehicles that do not present credentials will not be permitted to unload and NO ONE will be permitted on the camp property. Parents may drop off Scouts, but they are not permitted to leave the central area of the camp (i.e., they may not go to the Campsite)
 2. We would request that units avoid chartering a bus to bring their Scouts to camp as each unit needs to have at least one vehicle at camp in the event of an emergency.
3. While at camp each and every camper must wear a face covering over their mouth and nose and practice social distancing as dictated by the County Health Department where the camp is located. The camp will be providing each camper with one camp-branded

- face covering. (Additional face coverings may be purchased at the Camp Trading Post, but we recommend that additional face coverings be sent with the participant.)
4. At each program session, campers and staff will maintain social distancing and high contact areas will be routinely sanitized several times a day. All campers will wash or sanitize their hands between each program session.
 5. At the present time, we are still uncertain about Dining Hall operations. Camp Royaneh and Wente Scout Reservation will have dining hall service at 50% capacity and will offer mixed indoor and outdoor dining. At the present time, units attending Camp Wolfeboro will receive their meals as "To Go" meals from the Dining Hall and they will be eaten outdoors, likely at their campsite.
 6. No unit will be allowed to cook their meals in the campsite. This includes Dutch Oven cobblers and roasting marshmallows, due to fire concerns.
 7. Heating water for coffee or hot cocoa with a propane or butane stove does not constitute cooking, so enjoy your coffee or cocoa.
 8. There will be extra hand sanitizing stations positioned throughout the camp to encourage a high level of personal hygiene.
 9. In the event of a potential case of COVID-19 while at camp, the local Health Authority will be notified, and all County and Camp-specific protocols will be followed. Units should bring an extra tent to serve as a quarantine facility, in the event of a positive case.
 10. While at camp, all campers will sleep no more than two individuals to a tent. If individuals are sharing a tent, they will need to sleep head-to-foot and maintain a maximum amount of ventilation in the tent (i.e. keep the flaps open if possible)
 11. All Youth Protection guidelines must continue to be followed.
 12. Youth and Adults may NOT share a tent, even if related
 13. All youth must be within two years of age (while it is recognized that siblings might be more than two years apart, the optics are poor for those not aware of the relationship).
 14. Spouses may share a tent.
 15. We ask that units stay together for larger gatherings such as opening and closing campfires.

Post-Camp Procedures

1. As with Arrivals, all Drivers coming to pick up Units will need to meet the criteria of proof either of COVID Vaccination (copy ok) or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of arrival at camp or a letter from their healthcare provider documenting the positive test date and stating the individual is cleared to end isolation. All drivers will be required to stay with their vehicles and not go to the Campsites, so units should arrange for someone to meet the Driver in the parking lot.
2. On the Tuesday after Camp, each unit will receive a link to a Survey that will need to be completed within 24 hours regarding the unit's COVID status. If a Unit does not complete the survey on Tuesday, there will be a personal call to primary unit contact on that Wednesday. A failure to complete the survey will result in the voiding of the Unit's Stake-A-Claim for 2022 and a loss of the deposit.
3. Should any Camper (Youth or Adult) develop COVID within 10 days following camp, please email us safety@ggacbsa.org as soon as possible after the diagnosis.

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