SWFC Camp Properties Reopening to Unit Camping

The Southwest Florida Council is opening our camp properties to **weekend unit camping**. Starting August 17, 2020, reservations may be placed for camp facilities. While there are restrictions, the council will also be opening select program areas.

Please read the FAQ below for information on limitations and changes to our properties and the reservation process. We will reevaluate our guidelines monthly.

**Q. When will camp properties reopen?**

On August 17, 2020 we will begin to take new reservations for camp facilities. **New reservations must start on or after September 18, 2020.** Based on CDC, State and Local COVID guidelines concerning property capacity, not every reservation may be accepted or confirmed. Reservations will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

**Q. What facilities and amenities will be available?**

This program season we encourage individual Scouting units to explore our camp properties and outside amenities. This includes campsites, shelters, and select program areas. To support unit program, we will be opening the following program areas for reservation at both camps:

- Pools
- Boat Areas
- Shooting Sports Ranges
- Archery Ranges
- Amphitheaters

**Q. What facilities and amenities are not available or restricted?**

While camp properties will reopen, some facilities will remain closed or restricted to units. These closed or restricted facilities include:
Closed to unit camping reservations

- Cabins
- Dining Halls
- Kitchens
- Ecology Lodge
- Handicraft Lodge
- Rotary Building
- Pool House Classroom

Available for use with restrictions

- Latrines
- Restrooms
- Shower Stalls

Q. Why are latrines, restrooms, and shower facilities restricted?

To ensure our ability to sanitize shared facilities, latrines, restrooms, and shower facilities will be limited. Example: A unit reserving a campsite will only be allowed to use the latrine assigned to that campsite. All other latrines and bathrooms will be locked. Which facility is assigned to a unit is dependent on the camp and the number of campers on that property. Units will be assigned facilities by the Camp Ranger / Camp Master at check-in. Where two or more campsites share a latrine only one campsite will be available for reservation.

Q. Are units still responsible for cleaning latrines, restrooms, and shower facilities at check out?

Yes, units are responsible at check out for the cleaning and sanitizing of latrines, restrooms, and shower facilities used by the unit during their stay, but the policies and procedures have changed. Each unit must provide two adults to aid in cleaning. Youth will not be allowed to clean or sanitize shared areas.

Q. How do I make a reservation?

Units may make reservations for available facilities online at https://www.swflcouncilbsa.org. If you are planning to use an available camp program
area, you must reserve it online as well.

**Q. What screening should I do before my unit arrives at camp?**
Before arriving at camp, please ensure that no unit members are exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature above 99.9° F
- Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing
- Congestion or runny nose
- Fever / chills / fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

While at camp, if a group member starts to exhibit any symptoms listed above, the **ENTIRE group must leave the property immediately and contact the Camp Ranger for proper response.**

**Q. What screening will take place upon our unit’s arrival at camp?**

**All campers must receive a health screening in the parking lot before entering the camp property.** To accomplish this effectively, we ask that units **arrive at camp as a unit.** Signs will be posted in the parking lot with the cell phone number of the Camp Ranger / Camp Master. Please call the number on the sign to report your arrival. The Ranger / Camp Master will meet you in the parking lot to conduct the required temperature checks and health screening. **No one may leave the parking lot without being screened.** This includes anyone who does not arrive with the unit.

**Q. Do we have to wear a face covering?**

Yes. We ask that you wear a face covering while you are within six feet of another person. All campers will be required to have a face covering in their possession while on camp property. **Note: Charlotte and Manatee Counties require the wearing of face coverings in public buildings. This includes all structures at both of our camps.**
Q. Can my unit get together with other units at camp?

No. Due to CDC, state and local COVID 19 guidelines, units must socially distance from each other. This includes the use of latrines, shower houses and program areas. This provision will be re-evaluated monthly based on government recommendations. Any area that is scheduled to be used by a unit must be sanitized before another unit may use the same area.