

Please view the [National BSA Frequently Asked Questions](#) web page for information about the medical form

# Special notes for Southwest Florida Council members:

## Annual Physicals

The new medical form requires an annual physical for persons participating in certain activities regardless of age. The new medical form no longer allows attaching another physical exam (ie: sports physical) to the BSA medical form. The physician's signature must be on the BSA form to be valid.

## Height/Weight Chart NOT REQUIRED for summer camps

For certain high-adventure activities, the new form introduces a standard height/weight chart which may restrict participation of individuals. Adherence to **the height/weight chart is not required for council summer camps** due to their proximity and access to medical care. Very few council events will require adherence to the height/weight chart. Any such events will include such requirement in registration information.

## Components of the new form

**Part A:** General Information. Required for **all** events.

**Part B:** Parental release and information. Required for **all** events.

**Part C:** Physical Exam & Doctor's Signature. Required for events exceeding 72 hours.

**Part D:** For National High Adventure Bases only. This part **NOT REQUIRED** for camps or unit activities.

Other Frequently Asked Questions presented by Southwest Florida Council:

## Q: The form has changed again. Will the 2010 form be accepted at events?

A: Yes, the 2010 form will be accepted at council events and camps so long as the physician's signature (if required) has not expired. Please do not, however, distribute out-of-date blank forms - if a person needs to fill out a form, provide them with the most current form (link above).

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## Q: Do we need a doctor's signature for a one-night campout?

A: No. The new form only requires a doctor's signature for events exceeding 72 hours. *Tip: National designed the form so that*

parts A and C could be photocopied front-to-back so that one sheet of paper is all that is required for short-term activities.

**Q: What camps will require a doctor's signature?**

A: Council camps and programs that exceed 72 hours (thus requiring a doctor's signature) include:

**Q: Will summer camps use the height/weight chart on the new medical form?**

A: **No. Summer camps will not require participants to meet the height/weight guidelines.** These guidelines are for high-adventure activities; at this time no council activities use this chart.

**Q. Can I use another medical exam, such as a school sports exam, and attach it to the Annual Health and Medical Record?**

A. No. In an effort to maintain standards of preparedness and fitness for participation, and to make sure that the medical professional conducting the examination knows the various outdoor adventures that can occur in Scouting, the BSA requires completion of Part C, including the physicians' exam signature on the actual form.

**Q: Should we send the medical form to the council office?**

A: No. The council does not keep copies of medical forms. When attending district or council events, please bring the forms with you, but do NOT mail to the council office. *Tip: When attending council and district activities, take along a photocopy, rather than the original.*

**Q: The form is provided as a fillable-PDF. Can we submit the form electronically?**

A: For privacy reasons, do **not** transmit medical forms electronically. The form is provided as a fillable-PDF to ease completion and to increase legibility when printing. The electronic version of the Annual Health and Medical Record is intended to be filled out and saved by individual Scouts and Scouters. The electronic Annual Health and Medical Record should not be transmitted via e-mail or stored by units, districts, or councils. Units are encouraged to keep paper copies of their participants' Annual Health and Medical Records in a confidential medical file for quick access in an emergency and to be prepared for all adventures.

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