



SUMMER 2021

COVID PLAN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We are aware that guidelines regarding COVID-19 are still changing and we will continue to update our COVID Plan to reflect those changes. The Health and Safety of our staff, Scouts and Scouters are at the forefront of all our decisions. This document was put together to help answer your questions about Hawk Mountain Summer Camp 2021. It is important to note that even with our COVID Plan in place, we cannot guarantee that COVID-19 will not impact our summer program. The goal of the leadership team at HMSR is to have a program that resembles as much as possible the traditional program we all know and love, but please understand that changes had to be made and will continue to be made as the CDC, BSA and the PA Department of Health recommends. HMSR plans on running an in-person summer camp experience.

Will masks be required at camp?

Yes, except for when eating, swimming, and sleeping.

Will we be required to monitor our Scout's health and fill out COVID paperwork prior to arrival?

Yes. There will be a Pre-Camp Health Screening form sent to all participants to fill out that monitors your health for 10 days prior to your arrival at camp. All attendees will also be required to sign a HMSRBSA COVID waiver and release.

What COVID precautions will be taken at check-in?

A temperature check of all attendees will be taken when they arrive. Anyone with any fever or flu-like symptoms should not proceed to camp. No early arrivals will be permitted. Each troop will receive a window of time for their arrival, and they must all arrive together. Drivers and non-attendees will not be permitted to leave their vehicles. Only the troop trail will be permitted to leave the parking lot and travel to the site.

Will meals be in the Dining Hall as usual?

No. Food will be served in individually packaged, disposable containers and eaten at their site.

How will you handle sanitizing, sleeping and other arrangements at the sites?

We will be putting up our canvas tents in sites, however we are asking that only 1 Scout sleep in each tent unless their sibling is there and then they can stay together. If more tents are necessary, the troop will be asked to bring extra tents. After May 15, we will let you know how many tents and platforms are in your site. Each site will be provided a cleaning kit that has hand sanitizer and cleaning products. We will also provide hand soap at the sinks. We will be asking participants to also bring their own hand sanitizer. All cots and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned at the end of the week prior to the next session.

What changes are being made in program areas for COVID?

Merit Badges will be offered, but numbers will be monitored to make sure there is room for social distancing. Any tools or materials will be sanitized between usage or assigned to a particular Scout for the week. Our program areas like climbing, waterfront, pool, shooting sports will be following the PA Department of Health, CDC, ACA and the BSA recommendations for sanitizing and social distancing. All programs will take place outside or under pavilions. No programming will be offered indoors. NO VISITORS will be permitted to come to HMSR.



What about Polar Bear, campfires, and other all camp activities?

Activities will be updated to reflect COVID guidelines. For example: Polar Bear could be offered at different times, or locations and will be run a little differently. For campfires, we will need to spread out following the guidelines. We are in the process of revising our programs to reflect the changes.

How will you handle COVID checks during the week?

We will ask troop leaders to bring thermometers with them to take temperatures daily. If they do not have a thermometer than the Health Officer will make a time daily to check in with the troop.

Will HMSR be limiting the number of participants this summer?

Yes. We will be operating at 2/3 capacity this summer.

How will you handle the Shower House?

Troops will be assigned times in the shower houses during their check-in process and will be asked to assist with the cleaning process prior to the next groups start time. Staff will also periodically use the fogger to sanitize the shower houses.

What happens if a Scout or leader has COVID-19 symptoms?

Staff and participants must report to the Health Center immediately if they are experiencing any known illness or symptoms indicative of a possible COVID-19 infection. Once at the Health Center, they will be quarantined and more thoroughly examined. If a COVID test is advised, we will contact parents of underage participants and staff to arrange details. We will continue to monitor and review CDC, BSA and PA Health Department for guidelines.

What is the Councils Cancellation and Refund Policy as it relates to COVID-19?

HMC will provide a full refund only if our camp is closed due to a mandatory closing by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and/or Governor Wolf. If HMSR is operational, we will follow our current HMC Cancellation and Refund policy. [Click here for policy.](#)

We will host two virtual webinar meetings to talk about our COVID plan and address your questions. We encourage you to invite both leaders and parents to these meetings. To register for a webinar, use this link and scroll down to the bottom of the page. <https://hmc-bsa.org/hmsr/> Sunday 3/28/21 at 4PM and Wednesday 3/31/21 at 7PM. Additional days and times will be added as we get closer to camp to provide additional information.