

GSWESTOK Summer Camp COVID-19 Strategies and Updates

“There’s No Place Like Camp,” which is why we are excited to announce we are offering in-person day and resident camp for summer 2021. To make this happen we are digging deep into our creative selves to develop innovative activities, restructuring logistics, and adjusting for a more intimate community feel while at camp this year. In addition, safety is of the utmost importance at camp and ensuring the health and well-being of our campers, staff, volunteers, and their families before, during and after camp is a priority.

The camp team at GSWESTOK has worked hard to put together safety strategies and guidelines below but recognize that by the time camp starts they could change. We will be keeping up to date with any additional and evolving changes that are announced by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), American Camp Association (ACA), Association of Camp Nurses, the Oklahoma Department of Health along with national, state, and local rules and regulations. This is not an all-inclusive listing, but as new questions arise we will update this list. There will also be a Camp Session COVID-19 guide we will send out 2 weeks prior to the start of each session. Any questions not covered by the list below send to campforms@gswestok.org.

BEFORE CAMP

Quarantine

A healthy camp starts at home and we need you to help keep our camps safe. Along with our staff we are asking you to partner with us by limiting your camper’s and your family’s contact for two weeks prior to your camper’s scheduled session. We highly recommend that campers and their household should not travel to areas recognized by the state of Oklahoma as high-risk states and follow other state and local recommendations.

Pre-Screen

For an added layer of protection, we are asking all campers and staff to complete a daily screening for 14 days prior to arriving at camp on CampDoc. Pre-screening includes taking temperature, symptom questionnaire, and exposure reporting. All pre-screens will be reviewed by GSWESTOK Health partner. Any camper who does not complete the daily pre-screening protocol will not be eligible to attend camp. These screenings will also occur at check-in and every day while at camp. ***If you do not have a thermometer, please contact campforms@gswestok.org and we will arrange for one.***

Vaccinations

At this time there will not be a requirement for campers, staff, or volunteers to get the vaccination. The vaccine must be readily available to all the possible populations of the above listed groups to consider a possible requirement and/or waiver.

DURING CAMP

Masks

All persons entering camp must properly wear a mask, covering their nose and mouth. At times there will be situations (including scheduled mask breaks) for campers and staff to be allowed to take their masks off. Of course, if a camper or staff wishes to keep their mask on at times when permitted to take their mask off, they are welcome to do so.

Masks must be worn by all campers and staff except:

- When eating or drinking
- During aquatic activities
- When outdoors and appropriately socially distanced
- During showering and brushing teeth
- During sleeping

Camp will provide 1 mask for every camper at check-in, but we suggest campers bring at least two masks per day, and bags to store used and clean masks.

Check-In & Check-out

Both check-in and check-out will be a drive-thru style and staggered with all individuals being asked to remain in their vehicle throughout these processes. Restroom facilities will not be available to non-campers and we recommend making advanced plans.

All persons entering camp will undergo the pre-screening. If anyone is found to have a temperature of 100.4 or higher, showing symptoms of COVID-19, or answering “yes” to any questions on the screening questionnaire, all members of their party will be unable to remain at camp (or in staff situations be quarantined on site).

Resident Camp - Drive-thru check-in will include camper’s lice check just outside their vehicle, medication & mail Drop-off, and staff assisting campers in transporting luggage to their cabin and settling-in. Drive-thru check-out will include ID check & signature and staff delivery of camper with luggage.

Groupings

Groupings at camp will be similar to past summers with patrols (based on session), units, and all-camp. The difference is that campers will be a little more spread out for activities and for Resident camp cabins/treehouse lodging will be at maximum half-capacity.

- Patrols = groups of campers attending the same session. Max 8 campers and 2 staff. Resident campers will be split between 2 cabins for sleeping with the staff in a 3rd cabin.
- Units = a grouping of 2-3 patrols. Resident campers will share a shower house for morning and evening bathroom routines but aim to stagger the times.

Food & Meals

Campers and staff will wash their hands before and after eating and will eat appropriately socially distanced. Gloves will be readily available for all food prep and service. Contact the Camp Director with any concerns about dietary restrictions at least two weeks in advance of the start of the camp session.

Day Camp – All food will be individual, prepackaged or individually portioned by designated staff. Campers will receive a snack each day. Campers will bring their lunches with them to camp and will not be permitted to share food or drinks with anyone.

Resident Camp – Each patrol will have a designated table for the duration of their session. Meals will be served at staggered times to reduce patrol interaction and will be served by designated staff. Alternative options will be available at each meal; for example, cereal at breakfast, or salad at lunch or dinner. Any time campers eat outside of the Dining Hall either kitchen staff will prepare the food, or individual campers will prepare meals for themselves using individual portions.

Activities

Similar to a typical summer, activities will mostly occur at the patrol level. Some activities will be modified to ensure socially distancing between patrols at a unit level or even at an all-camp level (i.e flag, campfire, games, etc.)

Campers and staff will wash their hands before and after activities when possible. When handwashing is not available hand sanitizer will be used.

Cleaning & Sanitizing

Each staff will have dedicated cleaning supplies readily available. High touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. Increased cleaning of activity equipment will be done per recommended guidelines.

Trips and Transportation

All campers and staff must wear masks at all times during any form of transportation, including but not limited to, vehicles used for camp trips. When possible, vehicles will be limited to patrol level, then unit level, and then 50% if there is intermingling of patrols outside of a unit.

What if someone has suspected symptoms or test positive for COVID-19

If a camper shows symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at check-in, they will not be permitted to leave their vehicle and must return home. After appropriate testing and quarantine procedures recommended by the CDC, campers may return to camp for a later session (pending availability).

If a camper shows symptoms consistent with COVID-19 after drop-off or a staff at any time, they will be isolated immediately. Campers will need to be picked up immediately. Staff will quarantine based on CDC recommendations before returning to work. Those that were in contact with the camper or staff showing symptoms will be quarantined.

We highly recommend that those showing symptoms to get a test. If a diagnosis is confirmed, communication will be sent to families of campers/staff exposed with information about the possible exposure. Campers that were in contact with the positive individual will need to be picked-up immediately. Staff will quarantine based on CDC recommendations and tested if available before returning to work.

Refund/Cancellation Policy 2021 – COVID only

Our refund/Cancellation policy for camp stands as is except when related to COVID.

- If the council cancels camps at any time a full refund will be issued to all registered participants.
- If a participant has to cancel within the 2 weeks of their session beginning, due to COVID (i.e. exposure, symptoms, testing positive, etc.), they may be eligible for a refund excluding the deposit or a transfer to a later session (if space is available) at no cost.

AFTER CAMP

Reporting

We ask that if any camper or staff that shows symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 up to 14 days after camp to report it to the Camp Director immediately. This will allow us to pass along a possible exposure to campers' families and staff.

GSWESTOK thanks you for being diligent and for your understanding as we work through this together to provide a safe and in-person camp season for our Girl Scouts!