



Broad Creek – Frequently Asked Questions Summer Resident Camp and Weekend Camping

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Updates will be highlighted

The health and safety of our members and staff is of the utmost importance to the Baltimore Area Council. We continue to monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state/local officials regarding COVID-19 and its impacts on our operations. This is a fluid and changing situation and additional information will be released as it becomes available.

Summer Resident Camp Questions

- 1. When will an announcement be made if summer/resident camp is operating as scheduled or delayed/changed/postponed?**
 - a. The COVID-19 situation is constantly changing. We are monitoring and following guidance from the CDC, state and local officials, and our council's COVID-19 Taskforce Committee. We continue to plan and prepare for summer resident camps as currently scheduled and encourage you to do the same. We anticipate having more information to make decisions regarding our summer camp season in May and will communicate any changes or updates as soon as possible.
- 2. Will Food Service change?**
 - a. Yes. While we have not received information from our local health department yet, we are anticipating changes related to the manner of which meals are served. Changes might be moving to family style dining, delivering hot meals to each campsite, or having each unit cook their own food. As soon as we know what we are being asked to do, we will contact each Troop directly.
- 3. Will the early bird deadline be postponed?**
 - a. Yes! We understand that families are having to make hard decisions concerning their finances for a lot of reasons related to the impacts of COVID-19. Due to this, we have postponed the early bird payment deadline to June 15, 2020. Payments and registrations must be submitted electronically or postmarked by this date to qualify for the discount. The regular camp fee will be in place from June 16th to June 27th. After this, the late fee pricing will still be applied to registrations made after June 28, 2020.
- 4. Our unit is unable to meet and collect payments from families, what can we do?**
 - a. We understand the challenges faced by units that are not currently meeting in person. If your unit is having issues, please complete registrations on Doubleknot, and contact the camping department.
- 5. Are you open for us to be able to mail or drop off a payment by check?**
 - a. The Baltimore Area Council's Service Center and Broad Creek are currently closed through at least May 31, 2020. Payments will not be able to be dropped off in person until the service center is reopened. Checks can be mailed, however, there will be a delay in processing payment. For mailed payments, we will use postmarked dates to determine if early bird discounts or late fee pricing should be applied.





6. **Will additional camperships be available, for families that may have financial hardships?**
 - a. We will do our best to provide every Scout family in need of assistance with a campership with the limited funds we have available. We have no deadline; however, we will close the online application after funds are allocated. Visit broadcreekbsa.org/campership to apply.
7. **What is the last date to confirm a Scout Registration for resident camp?**
 - a. With the changing environment related to COVID-19, we understand that families may want to postpone making a decision about going to camp. The absolute last date for confirming attendance at resident camp is **one week prior to scheduled arrival**. This allows us to confirm quantities with food service, special meals, and ensure any final supplies are purchased. We encourage attendees to confirm as soon as possible as the bulk of supply orders are placed in May.
8. **If our resident summer camp session gets cancelled or changed, will we be able to reschedule to another camp session?**
 - a. Should a shortened summer camp season become an option for this year and a specific resident camp session gets cancelled, units registered for those sessions will be contacted and given the opportunity to reschedule to another session, pending availability. If a unit is not able to reschedule, a full refund will be issued. If a unit is able to reschedule to a later session, but individual Scouts are not able to attend the new dates, we will give those Scouts an opportunity to attend at another time during the summer as a provisional camper or should a provisional opportunity not work, issue those Scouts a full refund.

Summer Resident Camp Refunds

1. **If resident summer camp is fully cancelled, will we get a refund? What will be the process?**
 - a. If summer resident camp is cancelled by the Baltimore Area Council, we will directly contact each participating unit. We would hope units will move their reservation and payments to 2021 resident summer camp at Broad Creek but will initiate a full refund if desired. Refund checks will be sent to the unit following our normal procedure.
2. **If camp is not cancelled, but a family chooses to no longer participate, can they get a refund? What will be the process?**
 - a. If a resident summer camp is not cancelled by the Baltimore Area Council but a family chooses to no longer attend, we will be following our established refund policy found at broadcreekbsa.org/saffran. Families will have to submit a refund request form for refund consideration. Approved refunds will be sent to the unit following our normal procedure.
3. **If our camp session gets rescheduled and a Scout/leader is no longer able to attend, will they get a refund?**
 - a. If a specific resident camp session gets rescheduled and a Scout/leader is not able to attend the new dates, we will first give those individuals an opportunity to attend camp provisionally at a time that works for them. If they are unable to attend provisionally at another time, a full refund will be issued.





Summer Resident Camp Program

1. **Will you be able to offer all of the summer camp programs outlined in the camp guides & promotional materials?**
 - a. We will do our best to deliver all programs as outlined in the camp guidebooks, however, we must evaluate that based on potential staffing changes and our ability to meet BSA National Camp Standards as well as COVID-19 precautions put in place by the CDC and our Health and Safety Committee. Safety is our first priority and if a program cannot be operated according to these requirements, it will not be offered.

Camp Leadership

1. **What happens if our unit no longer has adults able to attend due to impacts of COVID-19 on their work and vacation schedules?**
 - a. We understand that the COVID-19 situation may impact adult leadership for camp. We encourage units to start having conversations now with leadership about their summer situation and to Be Prepared by coordinating backup leadership should it be needed to meet leadership requirements as outlined in camp guidebooks and BSA Youth Protection guidelines.
 - b. If a unit finds itself in a situation where it will no longer be able to meet leadership requirements as outlined in the camp guidebook, they should communicate this as soon as possible to the Baltimore Area Council Camping Department. We will work with the unit to either partner them with another unit in camp to cover needed leadership or, if available, help provide a provisional leader.

Health & Safety

1. **What are you doing to ensure COVID-19 is not brought into camp/spread through camp?**
 - a. The first step is for families and units to actively stop anyone who displays any symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been around anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 from coming to camp in the first place.
 - b. All individuals arriving at camp are required to receive an individual medical screening including a communicable disease screening. A copy of this screening will be available 30 days prior to the start of camp. This procedure will be adjusted to that timeline due to changing developments on COVID-19. Individuals who do not pass this screening will be sent home.
 - c. While still in development, we are planning to have screenings as part of daily camp operations for all participants.
 - d. All visitors will be required to check-in upon arrival and will receive a medical screening before being allowed into camp. Those who fail the screening will not be permitted to enter camp.





2. What are your plans to clean and sanitize camp?

- a. Helping to keep camp areas clean will be everyone's responsibility this summer. We will continue to offer handwashing stations in campsites, while adding handwashing stations to all program areas. We are also reviewing our cleaning procedures and updating them as necessary to place an extra emphasis on regularly sanitizing high traffic areas of camp.
- b. Camp lodging areas (cabins, latrines, wash stations) will be sanitized between groups and sessions.

3. Who is guiding/developing your camp health and safety plans?

- a. The health and safety plans along with the cleaning procedures being followed have been in place for many years to meet or exceed National BSA requirements. They are reviewed each year by medical professionals and updates are made as required. We will continue to follow these guidelines as well as guidelines from the CDC and our state and local authorities.

4. Will Part C of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (Physical Form) be required this summer? Will the length of time it is good be extended? What if people can't get appointments or they are concerned about going to a doctor's office due to COVID-19?

- a. We understand concerns related to obtaining a new Part C of the BSA Health & Medical Record (Physical Form by medical professional) because doctor's offices may not be scheduling physicals currently or families may have concerns over visiting a medical office in light of COVID-19.
- b. The question is being discussed by the National BSA Health & Safety and Risk Management Teams for further guidance and we are discussing with Baltimore Area Council's Health and Safety Committee.
- c. More information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.
- d. Please keep in mind two things about Part C (medical professional portion) of the BSA Health & Medical Record:
 - i. Part C is valid for one year through the end of the month from when it was dated (e.g. a Part C dated June 15, 2019 is good until June 30, 2020). Depending upon when an individual's Part C was last completed, they may not need to obtain a new Part C if it will be valid for their entire camp session.
 - ii. The BSA Health & Medical Record is a safety tool to help make sure the most current medical information is available to camp and other medical personnel in the event of illness or injury while at camp. Having as current as possible information may be even more important than ever this year due to COVID-19, especially for anyone who is considered immunocompromised.
 - iii. Please contact your primary care physician as soon as possible to discuss this with them.





Resident Camp Staff

1. **Are you going to have all of your camp staff for the summer?**
 - a. Although the COVID-19 situation is changing daily, we are preparing for summer camp as normal.
 - b. Eagle Scouts, former unit members, college students, retired individuals, teachers, and anyone else who may have their summer free and wants to help change lives is a perfect camp staff candidate.
 - c. Anyone interested in serving on camp staff this summer should visit broadcreekbsa.org/scstaff for more information and to apply.
2. **If someone's summer plans have changed and they are interested in joining the camp staff, what do they need to do?**
 - a. If someone finds themselves in a position where they may be able to work at camp this summer, they should complete an application at broadcreekbsa.org/scstaff.
 - b. Eagle Scouts, former unit members, college students, retired individuals, teachers, and anyone else who may have their summer free and wants to help change lives is a perfect camp staff candidate.
 - c. If we do not have any open paid positions, individuals interested in helping out can participate as a volunteer.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Daniel Ksiazek, Director of Camping for the Baltimore Area Council at dksiazek@baltimorebsa.org or 443.573.2525.

We hope everyone has a safe and healthy spring, so that we can see you all at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation this summer!

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