

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Eberly Scout Reservation & COVID-19

“Have there been any changes to camp related dates?”

Yes- The following dates have been altered in response to the Pandemic:

- Campership Application Due Date- April 30, 2020
- Final Fee Due Date (Conestoga and Buck Run)- May 15, 2020
- Merit Badge Registration Deadline- May 15, 2020

“Have there been any changes to the refund policy considering the COVID-19 Pandemic?”

Yes- If camp is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic a full refund except for the \$50.00 deposit. The deposit is non-refundable however it will be transferable to another council sponsored activity including rechartering, camporees, day camp, and the 2021 resident camp season. If camp operates, the standard refund policy listed in the camp leader's guide will be adhered to.

“Will “Part C” of the BSA Annual Medical and Health Record be required this summer?”

The BSA National Council is currently evaluating this concern and working on a solution. Once they have developed a policy and procedure for this it will be communicated as quickly as possible.

“Have there been any changes to the check-in process?”

Yes- There have been several different alterations to camp's traditional check-in processes which include the following:

- At the medical check-in each participant will be required to have their temperature checked and it will be recorded on their medical form. Any participants at or exceeding the recommended temperature by the CDC will be immediately sent home.
- In order to stagger and control the number of people gathering outside of the Health Lodge for their medical check, each unit will be assigned a specific time in which they will be given access to check-in. The entire unit must be present to check-in.
- Units will not be allowed to have any access to their campsites until all participants have completed their medical check-in.
- Scouts will be given their identifying wristbands following their medical check-in. Rangers will be posted at each of the gates and will be requiring participants to show their wristbands in order to have access to their campsites.
- Parents who will be dropping their children off at camp will not be permitted access to the campsite. All personal gear must be dropped off with the Scout in the main parking area and only leaders who are staying and have received their medical check or staff may transport it to the unit's campsite. There will be no exceptions.

“How will visitors be handled this year?”

Personal visitors will not be permitted for the 2020 camp season. For any camper that needs drop something off for their child, there will be a drop off location at the camp office where the item can be dropped off safely and it will be delivered to the scout by the camp staff. Any visitors coming into camp for BSA related business will be required to check-in at the health lodge and have their temperature taken and recorded. In order to prevent an additional large influx of unchecked people and to prevent the increased potential of something being brought in, all family nights at both Camp Conestoga and Camp Buck Run have also been cancelled for 2020.

“Will there be social distancing at camp?”

Yes- All changes made to camp operation will be to enable appropriate social distancing while at camp. Some of these changes include monitoring class sizes and their location to accommodate the appropriate amount of spacing provided as well as Dining Hall procedural changes to enable safe distancing during mealtimes. Participants will also be allowed to bring personal tents if participants would prefer not to share tents.

“Will there be any changes to the Health Lodge procedures?”

Yes- There have been several different alterations to camp's health lodge procedures. Two key changes as follows:

- In order to monitor and detect potential symptoms everyone who visits the health lodge for medical care will have their temperature taken and recorded in the First Aid log along with the other required information. This includes all visits regardless of their purpose including medicine distribution.
- Any participants or Staff Members whose temperature is recorded at or exceeding the recommended maximum temperature by the CDC will be immediately sent home for the recommended “quarantine” period.

“Will the staff be required to undergo additional medical monitoring?”

Yes- The camp staff are going to be required to undergo weekly temperature checks prior to being allowed in their camping area. Staff will be required to keep all living areas clean and sterilized. Extra time will be allotted specifically for maintaining living spaces. The camp staff will also have extra restrictions on their time spent out of camp for their night offs.

“With the new check-in times how will late arrivals be handled?”

Late arrivals will be required to check-in at the health lodge prior to going to the unit camp site. Units will be required to report any late arrivals when they check-in.

“Are there going to be increased sanitizing procedures?”

Yes- all areas of camp will see increased and more frequent sanitizing procedures. This includes campsites, the dining hall, showerhouses, and program areas. All showerhouses will undergo a deep cleaning throughout the week. Program areas will be completely sanitized daily and program supplies will be sanitized after each use. All staff will be thoroughly trained on all cleaning procedures and will be enforcing these changes throughout the summer.