

CAMP TREXLER

- COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS -

After a “Camp-less” Summer in 2020, we’re looking forward to having our Campers back in 2021! While we will hopefully be winding down from the COVID-19 pandemic as we approach the summer months, we’re dedicated to safely carrying out our 2021 Camp season. As always, we’re flexible, prepared, and looking for your input/questions/concerns. If you want to reach out to us, please do! We’d be happy to quell any concerns that you may have about Camp this Summer.

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COVID RELATED REFUND POLICY - All refunds are handled by Minsi Trails Council. The notice we’ve received in regards to COVID related refunds is that should you/your troop not be able to come to camp either because of State guidelines, or COVID related illness, that you may be eligible for a refund or transfer of funds to a future summer. Please contact the MTC-Service Center for more info.

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Minsi Trails Council is the final call for any/all policies and safety precautions in regards to Camp. While the Camp Management teams for all 3 Council Camps will be working together on best practices, Minsi Trails will be providing its own set of guidelines as we approach the summer as well.

Our goals this summer are composed of these two main things: to offer you the Summer Camp experience that you expect, *and to do that safely.*

Evolving Procedures - To provide the best experiences for all this year, please understand that our procedures, our policies, and our safety practices. We’ll make sure that the most up-to-date information is readily available for all. We’ll be monitoring the state of the pandemic, and offering lighter or stricter restrictions based on the ever evolving situation. If you ever have questions in regards to any of this, please reach out, we’d love to offer any help that we can!

Catering to your Troop’s Needs - We understand that each troop, Scout, and family has its own needs. We’re here to provide you with the experience that you’re expecting. We want to offer options in regards to each of our procedures so that your Troop can function as you need.

Out of State Troops - To help guide each troop, we’ll be sure to maintain contact and information in regards to state by state guidelines. Should anything come up that prevents you from coming to Camp, please keep us/Minsi Trails Council posted so that we can plan for your absence.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Before Camp - While Minsi Trails Council will release pre-camp COVID Safety guidelines, we encourage all Campers to limit social interactions prior to the start of Summer Camp. If widely available by the time of Camp, we will have more information as to how the COVID-Vaccine will play into the Summer Camp procedures. Pre-screening protocols will be in place to reduce the potential of exposure to COVID-19. A current BSA health form is required from all participants and high-risk individuals are asked to get the appropriate clearance from their doctor before attending camp.

General Health and Safety - Our staff will be key in making sure that we offer a safe experience this summer at Camp. We'll be offering training in regards to health/safety guidelines, as well as promoting these guides for our Campers to follow. General safety procedures will include daily temperature checks, increased hand sanitizer and handwashing stations, promoting physical distancing throughout camp, and facial coverings when needed.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Virus Controlling Methods - We're working with our Council to have a system of making sure we're entirely safe when it comes to controlling the Virus through sanitizing/cleaning.

- All staff will receive proper training, as well as enforcing these practices.
- In food prep, heavily trafficked areas, sanitizing stations, and facilities, we'll make sure we're up to code with everything needed to guarantee that you have a safe experience at Camp.
- Each week, we'll sanitize tents/troop facilities for the new week of campers.
- Masks - Masks will be worn at times when needed. We'll have detailed instructions as to when such events/situations will be required.

Dining Hall and Meal Procedures - Dining Hall Changes - This summer we'll be running a different method for Dining at Camp. We'll still be meeting at the Parade field/Buttress for each meal/colors, then, after that we'll break off for meals. We recommend bringing Camping Chairs, or the always handy mess kit with you as well!

Breakfast/Lunch - Breakfast and Lunch will be "Grab and Go". You'll come through cafeteria style, grab your food, and head out to our many picnic tables, pavilions, eating areas, or you can head back to your campsite to eat before heading out to badges. The entire camp will be open for you after you get your Lunch, so feel free to use that time to go for a hike, rest, or meet with your troop before Program opens back up at 2.

Dinner - For Dinner, we'll be hosting daily "Event Meals". Similar to our Sunday BBQ, we'll be having our daily evening dinners outside in a fun Camp way. More info on menus and meal specifics will be coming soon. In the event of poor weather, we will deliver meals to your site!

In site Cooking - We'll also be offering (as we always do) In Site Cooking options, where you can get each meal's ingredients from us, and cook in your site! In-Site Cooking is encouraged for those interested. The kitchen will supply the food needed for your scheduled meal as per the current menu for the day. Please inform us as to which meal(s) you would like to prepare in your campsite site using [this form](#).

Sunday Family BBQ - For 2021 we are looking into whether we're hosting our traditional Sunday Family BBQ. We'll be sure to update as to whether we're welcoming families to stay (albeit in a socially distant/segmented by family or troop, way)

Campsites/Lodging - As we do each year, Troops will be assigned their Campsites based on troop size, and availability. Our campsites are quite large/spacious, and spread out, for an idea of where tents are in our sites, please check out our [Camp Maps](#). As stated, we like to offer options. If you feel you or your scouts/families would like to commit to scouts tenting 1-per-tent, we can assist in that planning. You are more than welcome to bring extra personal tents, tarps, pop-ups, hammocks, alongside the provided tents if you feel your troop would like more distanced sleeping arrangements. As long as BSA Youth Protection is followed, you're more than welcome to arrange your site as you see fit. *Tents, cots, and site latrines will be sanitized between each week of camp.*

Program Areas and Camp Events - Camp is luckily a mostly entirely outdoors experience, which naturally benefits how we can approach altering our programs. We'll be adjusting our Programs, and Program Areas to provide a more appropriate environment for the situation this summer. For areas that require more hands-on activities, we'll be sure to sanitize/clean more frequently. Some areas may require location changes/alterations, but we'll be sure to clearly announce what/where those changes may occur. Whether it's moving locations for different lessons/activities, or spreading out to areas, our concern isn't how, but making sure that once Camp starts/the day starts, that you and your scouts know where to go/get the updated info.

Merit Badges - On March 15th we'll be offering Merit Badge Signups. We WILL have capacity limits for badges this summer, so be sure that your scouts/troops are signed up so that you can more easily sign your scouts up for their preferred badges.

Campfire - On the evening of your arrival at Camp and before you leave, we typically host our Opening/Closing Campfire, and rest assured, we will still be holding these events! We have ample seating, and have alternative ways to offer this on even larger weeks.

Contact Us - We want to make sure that you're provided with a fantastic Camp experience this summer, so please reach out if you have any questions/comments/concerns in regards to Camp this summer!

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