

Troop 86 Blue Campout Policies and Procedures – COVID Risk Mitigation

Until further notice, Troop 86 Blue will use the following policies and procedures on all campouts and outdoor activities (“Trips”). These policies and procedures apply to all Scouts and other participants on the Trip (a “Participant”).

- Transportation – Transportation to and from Troop Trips for each Scout must be provided for by the family of the Scout, except that a family may transport one additional Scout from another family provided that all persons in the vehicle wear masks during the ride (with windows down if possible) and both families consent in writing. During the course of the Trip, if a Participant needs to be transported a distance of 10 miles or less, the Participant can ride in a vehicle driven by an adult not in his immediate family only if all persons inside the vehicle wear a mask at all times during the ride in the vehicle (with windows down if possible).
- Tenting – Each Participant on a Trip must tent by himself or with a member of his immediate family (sibling/child/parent).
- Personal Hygiene – Each Participant shall bring on the Trip his own supply of hand sanitizer, soap and toilet paper so that the Participant can keep his hands and person as clean as possible during the Trip.
- Masks – Each Participant shall bring on the Trip his own supply of face masks sufficient in quantity for the entirety of the Trip. Each Participant shall wear a face mask whenever the Participant (i) is inside a building with any other person, or (ii) while outside, is within 6 feet of any other person for more than a few moments.
- Water – The Troop will not bring or make available during any Trips water or other fluids in beverage coolers or other common water containers. Participants shall not share water or other fluids except with immediate family members or in an emergency situation.
 - Front Country Trips – The Troop shall provide individual bottled waters for Participants. If a Participant needs additional fluids during the Trip, the Participant shall be responsible for bringing his own water or other fluids in his personal water bottles or containers and/or obtaining and treating water from available natural sources.
 - Back Country Trips – Each Participant shall be responsible for bringing his own water or other fluids in his personal water bottles or containers and/or obtaining and treating water from available natural sources.
- Food – The Troop will continue to prepare and cook by Patrols, with adults cooking separately, as follows: Cooking will be limited to heating water for individual backpacking meals, which meals will be consumed by individual Participants – no shared meals or food. The hot water will be delivered into the backpacking meal packets solely by the cook wearing gloves and a mask and using a ladle used solely for that purpose. Additional components of meals, such as fruit or side dishes, can be served provided that the component is packaged separately for each Participant.
- Health of Participants – The Troop will conduct temperature checks of all Participants immediately prior to departure on the Trip; Participants with a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher will need to stay at home. If a Participant or family member is in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID during the 14 days prior to the start of the Trip or with someone who is currently under investigation for COVID, the Participant should not attend the Trip. If a Participant has previously tested positive for COVID, the Participant should not attend the Trip unless at least 10 days have passed since the positive test results AND the Participant has been symptom free for at least 3 days. Any Participant that becomes sick during the Trip, such as running a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher, will need to leave the Trip and go home.