



# Camp Shenandoah Summer 2021 COVID-19 Safety Guidelines



The Virginia Headwaters Council, Boy Scouts of America is enthusiastically preparing to welcome you home to Camp Shenandoah this summer! While impossible to know what the world will look like when we swing open the gate on Boy Scout Lane come June 27, 2021, a day has not passed without planning a reimagined camp.

Along with making your visit with us as safe as possible, we're hard at work ensuring your stay with us is FUN! You'll discover many new program opportunities in 2021. For 71 years, Camp Shenandoah has been a destination not only for rank advancement and merit badge achievement, but for outdoor adventure, fellowship, personal growth, leadership and fun. We pledge to continue this rewarding tradition while you are our guests!

**Before Heading to Camp:** All guests should closely monitor their health prior to camp and minimize unnecessary contact with people not at their home address. Stay home if you're sick, have potential Covid-19 symptoms or have been to exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of Covid-19 in the past 10 days.

**What Additional Items to Bring:** Along with the usuals, participants can help by adding these items to their gear: personal hand sanitizer and 2 cloth masks or gaiters (also on sale at the Trading Post). If taking any aquatics sessions, consider bringing your own lifejacket. Archery, Rifle or Shotgun participants may choose to bring their own personal goggles and disposable gloves.

**Check-In:** Your unit will be cheerfully greeted at the camp gate by our staff, then escorted to your site. Your SPL and our Troop Guide will oversee setting up camp. Your SM will come to the check-in tables to review rosters, fees, schedules, Annual Health & Medical Records, YPT and Swim Checks. Times for tours, swim checks at Aquatics and leader meetings schedules will be confirmed prior to your arrival. Our goals are making check-in less congested and more efficient!

**While You're With Us:** Guests should expect to wear masks except while eating or recreational activities. New hand washing stations will also be available for frequent use. All program areas and the Dining Hall will have a hand sanitizer: use it going in and coming out. Final options for meals to be determined, but you should expect assigned seating with the option of patrol style cooking at your site. Program areas will be sanitized between sessions, while the shower house and restrooms will be cleaned according to Virginia Department of Health guidelines.

Groups will be physically distanced on the Parade Field and at campfires. You'll be asked to remain in camp for the duration of your stay. As of now, we'll be unable to have visitors in camp during the summer.

**Departure:** Troops will have the option of picking up their check-out packet Friday after campfire. This includes: return of AMHR, any prescriptions, individual merit badge reports, final invoice and patches. To minimize congestion, troops may depart Friday night or Saturday morning before 10:00AM; after your Troop Guide completes campsite inspection with your SPL and Scoutmaster.

**Stay Connected With Us:** We collaborate with several partners to bring you the latest information on protocols and best practices: the BSA, Virginia Department of Health, UVA and the American Camp Association to name a few. As we learn more, we will share with updates on our website. Troops registered in Tentaroo will receive updates by email. Later this Spring, we'll provide an opt-in free text messaging service you can join for protocol and schedule updates from Camp Shenandoah!

Watch for our 2021 Leader's Guide to be published shortly. You also can reach out to us when you need answers:

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