

## ***Covid-19 Camping Restrictions / Guidelines for OA Mini-Ordeals***

**Note:** *These recommendations are based on DHEC, CDC, and BSA guidelines, with links below to each of them. They are based on the current Indian Waters Council's "Guidelines for Meetings, Activities & Overnight Camping – Updated June 2, 2020."*

### **Before the Group Gathering/Outing:**

1. All participants should **review their current health**; only those feeling well should participate. Anyone with risk factors associated with Covid-19 should not participate at this time. Anyone exposed to Coronavirus must quarantine for 14 days prior to participation.
2. Conduct a **temperature check** before attending.

### **Getting To/From the Group Gathering/Outing and While You Are There:**

1. **No carpooling.** Transportation to and from activities and outings should be conducted only among family members.
2. **Group Size is limited to 10 people**, total. With youth protection requirements of at least two adults, this means no more than 8 youth. If a unit sends two separate groups to the same location on the same day, the **two different groups from the same unit cannot co-mingle during the gathering or outing**, and if they use the same facilities, they must be sanitized between the use of each group.
3. **Two-deep leadership is required at all times and leaders must be trained in [youth protection](#).**
4. **Scouts BSA girl units must continue to follow established female leader requirements**
5. Participants should always maintain **social distancing of six or more feet, except with family members.**
6. **Participants must wear masks** (and gloves if sharing supplies such as tools for service projects).
7. **Use hand sanitizers and wash hands when possible and** sanitize shared supplies between use.

### **Overnight camping – follow all of the guidelines above plus these specific guidelines:**

1. **Overnight camping at this time is permitted for Scouts BSA and Venturing only.**
2. **Any overnight unit campout must be approved in advance by the Charter organization.**
3. **Follow all local regulations.** Camp only where permitted by State, County, City, Campground, and BSA guidelines. Follow all campground restrictions for camping use and sanitation.
4. **Unit camping is for a single overnight stay** at this time.
5. **Scouts must sleep in personal tents (hammocks or “under the stars”)** with only one Scout per tent.

6. **Tents/hammocks/ground cloths must be socially distanced** a minimum of 6 feet
7. **The Lodge will supply all food in individually packaged units. Scouts should not bring or prepare their own food.** Please make any dietary restrictions known well in advance to the Adviser.
8. **Participants will not share drinking water nor will refillable water bottles, camelbacks, etc. be allowed.** The Lodge will supply individual single use bottled water. Open water bottles should not be shared between participants.
9. **Access to a hand washing station** and hand sanitizer will be provided for shared surfaces
10. **Follow Leave No Trace guidelines** including sanitizing the campsite and facilities used prior to leaving.

**Local and State Resources for Safely Gathering & Online Scouting:**

[Indian Waters Council, BSA: Homepage](#)

[SC DHEC: Coronavirus Page](#)

*For Updates:* [Get the Indian Waters Council iHUB!](#)

**National Resources for Safely Gathering & Online Scouting:**

[National BSA: Coronavirus Page](#)

[CDC: Coronavirus Page](#)

[BSA Youth Protection Training](#)

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