



## Camp Office Hours: Questions & Answers

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

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Hello Fellow Scouters –

Thank you for joining our first Camp Office Hours Zoom call. This call was intended to be recorded and shared however we had some technical difficulties with the video file. The questions asked during the call are listed below with the answers to those questions. **We are awaiting final guidance from the state of Colorado which will dictate what guidelines we must follow. This guidance is expected at the end of March/beginning of April.** If you have any questions or need more clarification – please contact [peaceful.valley@scouting.org](mailto:peaceful.valley@scouting.org)

Thank You and we look forward to the next Camp Office Hours! 😊

*Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch*

*Camp Staff Management*

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1. What will meals at camp look like this year; In-Campsite Meals or Dining Hall Meals?
  - A. As of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – We have been given approval from the County Health Department to allow meals within the dining hall instead of meals within the campsite. We are currently readjusting our plans & working with our Food Service providers on procedures we will need to follow. More information will be provided in April.
2. What is a Cohort?
  - A. Below is an example, however, we are **awaiting guidance from the Colorado State Health Department** for what our Cohort sizes will have to be. This information is expected by the first week of April.
    - i. A Cohort is a group of people — including youth and adults — that interact with one another during the day. Members of a Lodge are considered a cohort.
    - ii. A Sub-Cohort would be members of a Campsite. Members of a campsite may have classes with an adjacent campsite a few times a day, however, they primarily interact with members of their same Campsite.
    - iii. Members of that cohort should not interact with members of another cohort. Meaning members of a Lodge should not interact with other members from a different Lodge.
3. How does a person upload their medical form to CampDocs?
  - A. CampDocs requires Parts A & B of the BSA Medical Health form to be manually entered into their system to ensure accuracy & legibility. Since Part C requires a medical professional's signature it must be scanned into the CampDoc System. Medical Forms must be submitted through CampDocs no later than 11-days prior to arriving on camp property. **Please review our [FAQ for CampDocs](#) for more information.**
4. Is there a “Plan B” for camp is COVID restrictions are reduced or lifted?
  - A. Yes – The Camp Staff Management has been actively planning a camp with COVID & NON-COVID considerations in mind. Summer Camp this year will most likely be



somewhere in the middle of those 2 plans. Our NON-COVID plan will mimic more a traditional Summer Camp where youth will rotate to different areas around camp for merit badge classes. Regardless of the restrictions, Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch will be ready to hold a fun & exciting Summer Camp in 2021.

5. Will youth and adults be required to wear a face covering or mask while outside?
  - A. Yes – This is one of many N.P.I.s (Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention) or layers of migration in place at camp to help ensure camp can successfully operate this year. The only exception is if a 6-foot distance can be maintained. If a 6-foot distance cannot be maintained, then a face covering, or mask is required.

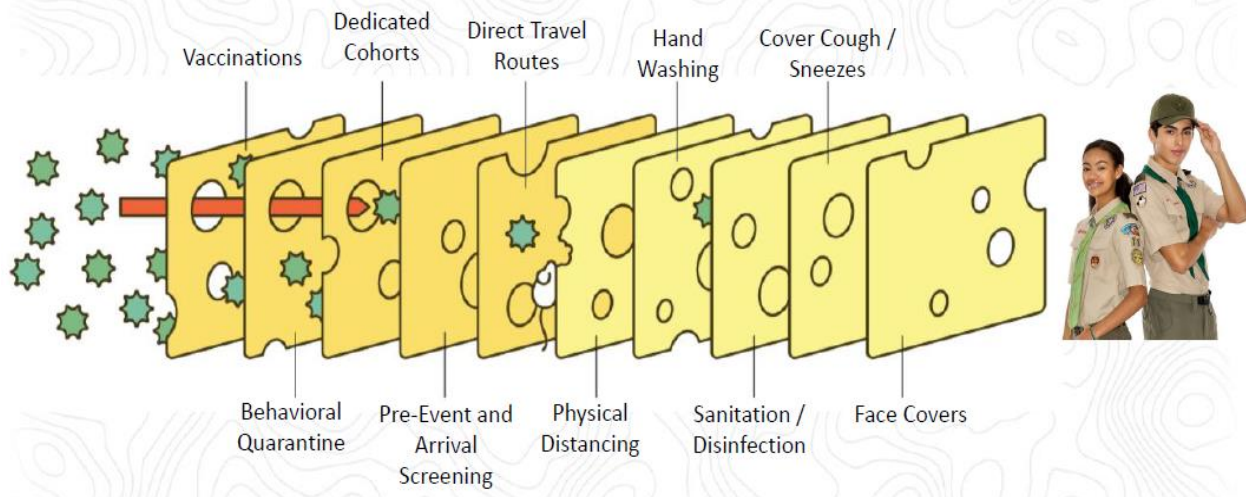
**We call this the “Swiss Cheese Model”**

Think of a slice of swiss cheese – there good 😊 but they have a lot of holes. Each slice of swiss cheese is an N.P.I. just like wearing a mask, washing your hands, maintaining 6-foot distancing, & using the cohort method. The more slices of cheese we have the less likely anything can get through the holes. However, with each slice of cheese we remove there is an increased likelihood that there could be an infection. The goal is to cover as many holes as possible and it depends on everyone who attends camp, youth adults & staff members.



## Illustrated Layers of Mitigation

Adapted from virologydownunder.com



6. Will Troops be interacting at the Lodges as a Cohort?
  - A. Yes – Each Lodge will be like a “mini summer camp”. The majority of program will be taught from the Lodges with exception to Specialty Areas such as the Shooting Sports Range, the Lake & the Pool. Units will be assigned a Lodge based on which Campsite they are in. Those Lodges will be considered a “Cohort” which means they will be doing almost all activities together. This is different from past years where youth would rotate to different lodges.



7. What are the tenting arrangements for Female Troops and Male Troops?
  - A. It depends – We currently have 2 campsites that are designated for Linked Troops to share campsites. It is the responsibility of the units within that campsite to develop & manage a schedule for the latrine and shower use. A schedule should be created for Adults (male & female) and Youth (male & female). Youth Protection Guidelines applies at all times. If capacity is full – we will accommodate as much as possible.
8. What are the sleeping arrangements? Can we bring our own tents?
  - A. Yes – it is encouraged that units bring their own tents to allow for 1 person per tent sleeping. The camp will provide in each campsite standard BSA canvas tents on wooden platforms that 2 individuals can sleep in (heads at opposite ends of the tent). As always – Youth Protection Guidelines are always in effect.
9. Is there going to be a Family Night?
  - A. As of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – In continuation with our Cohort Model & direction from the County Health Department, we will not be holding a Family Night. If restrictions are lifted to were, we can facilitate a safe activity – we will notify the unit contact as soon as possible.
10. How will Merit Badges be decided?
  - A. Around the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April – a Survey will be sent to each unit asking for a ranking of merit badges. That list will be compiled and analyze to the top merit badge requested. Those will be the merit badges first taught at each lodge. Then – if possible – each Lodge will work their way down the preference list. It's recommended that each youth complete any pre-requirements prior to attending camp.
11. Where are the Shooting Sports & Aquatic merit badges?
  - A. Due to the limited amount of time each unit can spend at each area – we will be unable to fully instruct the shooting sports & aquatic merit badges. Our focus is to ensure that each youth and adult get as much time as possible in each Specialty Area. If a youth would like to work on a merit badge while at a Specialty Area – we would be happy to work with them on requirements. We recommend the youth bringing the merit badge book and worksheet. Requirements will be signed off upon completion.
12. Regarding Shooting Sports – how will the fees apply when scheduled at Shooting Sports for Troop Activity Time?
  - A. When your unit is schedule for shooting sports – each youth and adult – will be able to shoot a certain number of shots for free. If anyone desires to shoot more – they will need to purchase additional rounds.
  - B. Cowboy Action Shooting will be an additional \$10 per person.
13. Will you be having a Horse Program this year?
  - A. No – Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer a horse program this year. We will however be offering an ATV program for Scouts 14 years and older. More information will come with the merit badge selection survey.