

Greetings! Welcome to your SPRING GUIDE for Summer Camp 2021

Please review the COVID-19 Precautions section and CHECK-IN Procedures and be aware that some items may change or some details may be added later and we will try to communicate that with you quickly!

Thanks for your patience and we're so very excited that camp is back! See you soon!

COVID-19 Precautions in Camp

Camp Sidney Dew and the Northwest Georgia Council have made a solid commitment to keep Scouts safe and to mitigate potential risks from exposure to COVID-19 and other illnesses while at camp. These measures have been implemented since the start of the pandemic at all of our events, under the advice of our Council Enterprise Risk Management committee, and out of an abundance of caution, and since re-opening camp in July of 2020, we've seen no cases of the disease or any other illnesses traced back to exposure while at our camp. We ask that you continue to do all that you can to limit pre-event exposures and to use the pre-event screening methods laid out below to help prevent the spread of any illness or infection while at Camp Sidney Dew. Here are just some of the changes and adjustments you'll notice while at Camp:

1. Pre-Event screening by UNIT procedures in place
2. On-site screening immediately upon arrival
3. Added handwashing or hand sanitizer stations around common areas of camp
4. Added PPE supplies including masks, sanitizer and other as-needed items
5. Enhanced cleaning in all common areas, dining facilities, program shelters, and bathroom/shower facilities
6. Added signage around camp reminding participants and staff to maintain social distancing, limit physical interaction, wash hands frequently and wear a mask when necessary
7. Additional staff training on cleaning and disinfection procedures
8. Schedule improvements to minimize large group interactions and co-mingling
9. No outside visitors allowed
10. Daily temperature checks
11. Additional procedures for quarantine if necessary and/or medical treatment

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES/BEFORE YOU ARRIVE at Camp

Please follow these steps for smooth check-in at Scouts BSA or Cub Scout Summer Camp events:

1. **Encourage your Scouts to LIMIT in-person activities** with LARGE GROUPS outside of their family for the recommended 10 days prior to camp if possible, and to continue to follow these three recommended practices: 1) social distancing 2) frequent hand washing 3) wear a mask when around others outside of your family and social distancing is difficult. Scouts should plan to remain separate from LARGE GROUPS after they return from camp for a recommended 10 days following camp.
2. **Pre-Camp Swim Checks** On Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Camp Sidney Dew, your troop can conduct Swim Checks with our staff during the Council's Annual Work Day. Sign up for a time and our lifeguards will be prepared to assist you so that you won't have to wait in long lines for your swim check on Sunday at Check-in. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CSDswimcheck2021>
3. **UNIT's PRE-EVENT Screening** instructions:
 - a. Meet at your charter organization parking lot, or some place convenient for all in your Unit just prior to arrival at camp to conduct a day-of Pre-event screening
 - b. PRE-SCREEN - if you are able to, check temperatures (anyone with a fever above 100.4°F should be sent home immediately and **NOT MAKE THE TRIP** to camp)
 - c. Use the Pre-event medical screening form located here:
<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-057.pdf> for each participant, INCLUDING ADULTS!
4. **Sign up for your preferred ARRIVAL TIME** - you will be asked to register for a preferred arrival time block. We ask that you NOT ARRIVE before your assigned time to limit traffic and confusion and to allow for enough SPACE to conduct safe check-in procedures.
<http://bit.ly/CSD2021arrivaltime> register for your time here <http://bit.ly/CSD2021arrivaltime>
5. **CHECK IN TOGETHER** - because some local units have parents drop off at camp, it is important that you have a plan BEFORE ARRIVING. Parents dropping off their Scouts will be asked to remain in their vehicles. UNIT LEADERS - please communicate this with parents before camp. Please coordinate UNIT Pre-event screening before entering the camp gate, there will not be enough room in the parking area for this. Remind your drivers to follow parking signs and attendant instructions as procedures may have changed since their last visit.

6. **UNITS TRAVELING LONG DISTANCE** - limit your stops on the way. Avoid crowded rest stops and restaurants. We recommend your Scouts pack road meals or use drive-thru's when stopping to eat.
7. **Consolidate your gear**- before arriving at camp, we suggest that all gear be consolidated to one vehicle or one troop trailer to limit the handling of gear in arrival and set-up. Scouts should travel with a day-pack and keep their swimsuit and towel handy.
8. **When you ARRIVE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE** and await instructions. You will be greeted by a staff member the second you arrive! Please be patient and try to arrive within 10-15 minutes of your designated arrival time to prevent traffic jams and wait times! A staff guide will greet you at your vehicle with instructions. Mandatory temperature checks will occur at this time. **If a Scout or leader has a temperature above 100°F, all passengers must remain in the vehicle. The attendant will re-take your temperature after a five minute wait. If the fever persists, the vehicle will be turned away.**
9. **ADULT #1** - have med forms and financial files prepared, be ready with schedule change/update requests for Scout Schedules, etc. and proceed to check-in at Simmons Shelter located next to the Hubbs Reception Center at the top of the parking lot.
10. **ADULT #2** - remain with your Troop gear/trailer and be prepared to transport to campsite immediately upon arrival. There may be a slight delay but **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR GEAR** unattended.
11. **SPL/Appointed Senior Scout and all other adults**- assemble with your TROOP and move immediately to the campmaster field to keep out of the way of incoming car traffic. Keep your group assembled and have everyone wait together. Your CAMP STAFF GUIDE will meet you and begin your tour immediately. You won't have time to access any gear, so keep your DAY PACKS with you, including SWIM WEAR to change into if necessary (or wear your swim gear in travel).
12. Your TOUR BEGINS with TEMP CHECKS (DO NOT PROCEED INTO CAMP WITHOUT YOUR BRACELET) and the TOUR ENDS with SWIM CHECKS. **Scouts WILL NOT go to the campsite before swim checks so BE PREPARED.** Once complete your CAMP STAFF GUIDE will remain at the pool until all Scouts are complete with Swim Checks. He will accompany the Troop back to your campsite where you can begin setting up!

Whitewater Rafting – Nantahala River Trip



Join in on one of Scouting's MOST popular excursions – Whitewater Rafting the Nantahala River. The Nantahala River is a beautiful, dam fed river with clear, mountain chilled water. Your outfitter will provide all the necessary gear (see gear list below). Troops should plan to TRANSPORT themselves to the river and back. The trip package includes rafting, an optional meal add-on, and a special PATCH! Scouts will also earn the BSA Whitewater Rafting Award. You will receive your patches at CHECK-IN – Please finalize your RAFTING FEES at Check-in or online

AGE: 11 years old (and up) or 10 years old and completed 5th grade

Pre-Register: ONLINE, deadline is SUNDAY of your arrival at 5PM

Fee: \$35.00 per Scout/Adult – Rafting ONLY

\$41.00 per Scout/Adult – Rafting with box lunch included

Swim Classification: ALL participants must be classified as SWIMMER

Your outfitter provides GUIDES in every other raft or spread out amongst your group. There is an added fee for Units that wish to have a GUIDE in each raft, please inquire upon arrival at camp on Sunday.

BE PREPARED! Scouts should bring the following gear:

- • Swim wear – quick dry shirt (NO COTTON)
- • Shoes that stay on your feet, sandals with heel strap, swim shoes, or river shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS)
- • Dry clothes to change in to, dry socks and shoes
- • Towel, sunscreen, bug spray, hat, sunglasses (not required, but all optional)
- • Equipment – personal flotation device, paddle, helmet, cold weather gear as necessary, and all safety equipment **are provided by your outfitter**

REGISTERING: To REGISTER for WEDNESDAY WHITEWATER RAFTING – log into your TENTAROO, Enter your Summer Camp Registration and scroll all the way down to **PRODUCTS** and click on **ORDER PRODUCTS**. Select the right

quantity (include youth and adults attending) for the correct trip (with lunch or without), and click **ADD PRODUCT**. This will add to your Troop balance in Tentaroo and it can be changed until June 1. Scouts attending this trip need to be SWIMMERS.

Sunday ARRIVAL Schedule

1:30PM - 4:00PM ARRIVE BY APPOINTMENT Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CSD2021arrivaltime>

ADULT LEADER #1: Paperwork/check-in at Simmons Shelter next to HUBBS Reception

ADULT LEADER #2: Stay with your gear/Troop Trailer and transport to campsite when a vehicle guide is able to lead you in. BE PATIENT, there may be a wait, but most importantly, **DO NOT LEAVE** your Troop's gear unattended.

SPL - as soon as your guide allows, move directly out of the parking area to the Campmaster Field and wait for your Camp Staff Guide to join you. He will have you your participant ID bracelet. **DO NOT LEAVE the Campmaster/parking entrance area without your participant ID bracelets.**

Camp Tour - Your Camp Staff Guide will lead you from Campmaster Field to see key locations in a brief guided tour. It will include stops near Hubbs Reception and Simmons Shelter, The Honor Trail, Eagle Wall and Chapel, First Aid Lodge, Saul Dining Hall, Fishing Pond, Handicraft, Trading Post, Council Ring, and ending at the Pool where Swim Checks can be conducted for those still needing to take theirs. The TOUR ENDS at the Pool. Your Camp Staff Guide will remain with you until all swimmers are finished and will hike back with you to your Campsite at the end.

SCOUTS WILL NOT go to the campsite BEFORE or during the Tour, so it is important to BE PREPARED! We suggest traveling with your swimsuit already on or in your Day pack to change into when you arrive at the tour.

Leaders Badge of Merit - we will have details posted ASAP, but you will receive a requirements sheet when you arrive.

Leaders Training - an updated Leaders Training schedule will be posted ASAP, but you will receive a list and schedule when you arrive.

Drop/Add - You will be able to drop/add classes anytime up until you arrive and anytime on Sunday. Please email Daniel if you need assistance BEFORE camp: daniel.victorio@scouting.org

Wednesday Campsite Cookout - On Wednesday evening, the DINING HALL IS CLOSED. Troops are encouraged to cook a meal in your campsite. All food is provided for you and there will be a checklist that you can download now or fill out when you arrive. The Wednesday Campsite Cookout form is due on SUNDAY NIGHT at the Scoutmaster/SPL meeting. Please watch the YouTube channel for tutorials on planning for your Cookout.

Some Units may eat dinner outside of camp (especially those participating in Wednesday Whitewater Rafting) such as eating at a local restaurant or ordering PIZZA (a common favorite!). If you need assistance in planning either of these, please ask when you arrive for best options. If you have any questions, please feel free to email daniel.victorio@scouting.org

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS - Because our meals are catered, we are limited in how we can accommodate certain dietary restrictions and food allergies, but we will do our best in every situation! Please advise any special dietary restrictions or food allergies to daniel.victorio@scouting.org ASAP so we can communicate with our chef ahead of time.

More information will be provided in updated versions of our SPRING GUIDE - STAY TUNED. We will also coordinate any updates and changes via email to the Scoutmasters!