



Guidance for Camp and Overnight Activities

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Our No. 1 priority is the health and safety of our Girl Scouts. All of our camps meet the standards set by the state of Texas, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Girl Scouts of the USA, and the American Camp Association. These standards include health and safety, maintenance, program, and personnel. For more information, [see our day-only activity guidance](#).

COVID-19 Protocols

We know how important camp is to girls and leaders. We are also ensuring that we all remain safe during the uncertain times of COVID-19. GSSJC is committed to and focused on safety and flexibility in the COVID-19 environment. Our camps use a series of non-pharmacological layers to reduce the transmission risk of COVID-19 and prevent infectious diseases at camp, as recommended by the American Camp Association (ACA) and the Association of Camp Nurses (ACN). These include health screening, hygiene protocols, and monitoring.

Testing

Effective June 2, we will require individuals to take a COVID-19 test and show a negative test result on the same day they are scheduled to arrive at camp to participate in overnight camp. Individuals must also complete the required pre-screening forms. Although the COVID-19 environment has improved, we want to ensure everyone is safe and healthy while participating in overnight camp activities. Testing may be required for specific events and programs. If so, we will notify attendees in advance.

Masks

Masks are recommended, but not required, for indoor and outdoor activities, including those on GSSJC property. From time to time when conditions warrant, GSSJC may require masks at specific locations.

We expect individuals to follow CDC guidelines. Residents of a county with a community Level with a rating of high (orange) or those who are attending an activity in such a county, should continue to wear masks indoors. We continue to ask that all Girl Scouts be considerate of one another in situations where an individual may have a medical need or be high-risk. As a sister to every Girl Scout, each should take those actions that support the safety of our sister Girl Scouts.

Hand Hygiene

Hand washing has always been an important activity at Girl Scout camp, but it is even more critical this year. Look for new handwashing and hand sanitizing stations throughout camp.

Pre-Screening

All girls and adults should answer all screening questions before each in-person activity and stay home when not feeling well or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. For overnight activities, volunteers should create the screening log at check-in, indicating yes or no answers for each girl and adult in attendance. Please note: No participant may attend in-person activities if they are symptomatic/sick in general or have tested positive for COVID-19 or have recently been exposed to COVID-19 (following CDC guidelines), or are exhibiting new COVID-19 symptoms including fever as outlined on the check-in log.

Report Cases to Council

If any Girl Scout or participant develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive with COVID-19 within 5 days of participating in a Girl Scout activity, the family must contact Melissa Hardy (mhardy@sjgs.org) to allow council staff to manage communication and contact tracing and maintain appropriate confidentiality.

Additional Guidance

GSSJC is using a multilayered model of protection and risk management (sometimes referred to as a "Swiss Cheese" model) to evaluate COVID protocols for council-wide activities and those that gather members from beyond their neighborhood. No one mechanism is full-proof, but using an appropriate combination of protective measures can provide a safer opportunity for Girl Scouts to participate in the activities they love. Our guidance encourages event and activity planners to implement as many layers of protection as reasonably possible and based on the nature of their event plans.

Screening log, permission slips and health forms are required for overnight activities. Prioritize outdoor activities as they may result in lower potential for transmission compared to indoor activities. If they choose to do so, groups are permitted to request attendees to provide evidence of a negative COVID test upon arrival at overnight activities, at their expense.