



# Campsite Rental Guidance

We are pleased that your unit is spending time with us this summer. To ensure a safe and enjoyable time for everyone, there are some guidelines outlined below.

1. All guests must adhere to local, state, and BSA orders, rules, guidelines, etc. to camp in a responsible and respectful manner.
2. All guests should understand that while we will do our best to mitigate exposure to illness, there is always a chance of illness being spread, including but not limited to COVID-19.
3. Every person entering camp will be asked to complete a COVID-19 Camp Statement that will be submitted to the ranger or campmaster upon check in. Every camper must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before entering camp. The COVID-19 Camp Statement is included for your reference following this guidance agreement.
4. Information from the CDC states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. **If you are in this high-risk group, please ensure that you have approval from your health care provider prior to entering camp.**
5. A roster with the full names, phone number, and email address of those attending will be collected upon arrival – while rosters are typically collected, the additional contact information is to assist with any contact tracing measures that may need to be taken.
6. Social Distancing should be maintained at all times. All campers, volunteers and staff should remain at least six feet apart to the greatest extent possible, must wear face coverings and perform frequent hand hygiene. Campers are responsible for supplying their own face coverings and are encouraged to bring more than one.
7. Campsites are limited to no more than 12 individuals
  - a. These individuals should interact with only those in their campsite even if they belong to the same unit.
  - b. Intermingling between groups increases the risk of exposure.
  - c. If social distancing cannot be maintained in the campsite, face coverings must be worn.
8. Units may send multiple groups to different campsites, however, each campsite must operate as a separate and individual group. Separate leadership, separate travel, separate rosters, separate gear and supplies that will not be shared across campsites. Food is brought by each group and stored and cooked by campsite.



9. Program areas at HNE camps are **NOT** open. These program areas include Climbing, COPE, all shooting sports (i.e. archery, bb guns, riffle, shotgun), boating, swimming and paddleboard. At a BSA camp, the only way program areas can be utilized are if they are staffed by certified HNE Council staff to facilitate the program.
  - a. Units must be aware that safe-swim defense and safety afloat are not adequate for swimming and boating use on BSA property. Council must approve, schedule and staff a waterfront event. A certified HNE waterfront director must be on-site during these activities
  - b. When/If a program area is open, no more than twelve (12) individuals may attend the program area at a time.
  - c. Campers must sign up in advance to participate in a program and ensure group size.
  - d. If you are planning any activity not usually done on a weekend camping trip, please contact council office to ensure the activity is permitted.

***Please note: This a campsite rental and NOT a summer camp experience. It is expected that units will rent camp and run their own activities such as hiking, scout skills and campfire program. If your unit would like to fish, you must follow state laws which include licensing and fishing in designated areas. Biking is permitted following helmet and safety rules for use at camp.***

10. You are not permitted to have visitors to your campsite.
11. There are no dogs allowed at any HNE camp. Arrangements for service animals should be made before arriving at camp.
12. Campers should sleep in their own tent unless they are from the same household and can abide by youth protection protocols.
13. HNE camp volunteers will provide cleaning supplies for campers at check in. These cleaning supplies are to be utilized for cleaning and sanitation of the latrines. Units should bring additional cleaning and sanitizing supplies as needed for your camping and cooking gear. Unused cleaning and sanitation supplies from the camp should be returned upon check out.



14. In case of severe weather, buildings will be opened to accommodate your group – everyone must wear a face covering inside the building. During severe weather the only completely safe action is to:
- Seek shelter inside a safe vehicle you arrived in. As safe vehicle is any fully enclosed, metal-topped vehicle such as a hard topped car, minivan, bus, truck, etc.
  - Seek shelter inside a safe building. A safe building is one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls, and floor, and has plumbing or wiring.

Check-in and check-out will be performed outside with face coverings. Units will need to clean and sanitize campsite facilities on the way in and out.

**Final Note - This is not a summer camp experience.** HNE is not licensed to run a summer camp program. No attempt to bypass the rules and run a Troop summer camp by utilizing our camp is allowed. This is a campsite rental experience. Please note the following documents for additional requirements of the State.

<https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/files/inline-documents/guidance-campgrounds.pdf>

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/workplace-safety-and-reopening-standards-for-campgrounds-phase-iii-step-1/download>

As the unit leader responsible for \_\_\_\_\_, I understand and accept these guidelines and the potential risk of COVID-19 in this setting.

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PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE



## COVID-19 Camp Statement

*This form is to be signed by all campers over 18 years of age.*

*If the camper is under 18, a parent signature is required.*

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Heart of New England Council's top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to visit or volunteer at our camp.

Our camp mitigation plan includes:

- Following all policies and guidelines provided by BSA, Local, State and Federal Governments.
- Limitations on individuals entering our camps.
- During Massachusetts Phase One we will require appropriate Social Distancing, Face Coverings, Limit Occupancy, Restrict Gathering Sizes, No Use of Group Program Facilities, Bathrooms (not showers) will be available, No Group Camping/Activities (single household only).

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the health screenings and be allowed into camp.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this high-risk group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to entering camp.

Every volunteer and visitor must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before entering camp. We hope this form will be helpful as you make that choice.

To ensure the safety of other visitors, volunteers and our staff, please do not enter our camp under the following conditions:

1. In the last 14 days have you or members of your household travelled out of New England.
2. You have been in close contact with someone confirmed to have, is being evaluated for or has been instructed to self-quarantine for COVID-19.
3. You currently, or recently experienced fever (any temperature 100.4F or greater), cough, shortness of breath or respiratory illness.
4. You do not have appropriate personal protection equipment. Note - You are required to have your own face covering. You should also bring sterilizing solution (hand sanitizer, wipes) as running water and supplies are not easily accessible in all areas of camp.

I understand the risks of contracting or spreading COVID-19 inherent to entering camp. I agree to follow all guidelines provided by HNE, BSA, local, state and federal governments. I will not enter camp if I've answered yes to any of the 4 questions above.

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Name

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Signature

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Date