

Black Warrior Council Recommendation's for Healthy Unit Activities

Units should consult the most current health Department and CDC guidance before any scheduled activities

The intent of this document is to provide practical and concise guidelines for district and council events and recommendations for leaders to safely host unit events. The document is based on current guidelines from the Alabama Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and created in accordance with state and federal guidelines. As such, this document should be considered a working document and subject to change as public health conditions change or as we learn more about ways that we can provide the safest programs possible for our scouts.

Healthy Unit Activity Planning Recommendations

- Check chartered organization's policies on group activities; ensure activity complies with their policy.
- Avoid activities that require congregating in confined spaces; particularly spaces with poor ventilation.
- Develop a health safety plan; describe precautions addressing each applicable activity below.

Healthy Unit Pre-Activity Recommendations

- Establish communication and share health safety plan with scouts and families.
- Pre-activity education about health safety precautions.
- Individual family transportation to and from events; no group transportation.
- Complete health screens (including temperature) before start of event. Scouts or adult leaders who do not meet screening requirements MUST NOT participate.

Healthy Unit General Activity Recommendations

- Maintain 6ft social distancing; encourage masks to be worn at all times.
- If within 6ft (e.g., EDGE teaching), then masks MUST BE WORN.
- Limit touching of common items. If touching cannot be avoided, then wash/sanitize hands as soon as possible following contact.
- No shared equipment. Sanitize equipment between uses.
- Hand-sanitizing stations (ideally, hand-washing stations) widely available.

Eating, Drinking, Cooking

- Encourage self-contained eating and drinks when possible (e.g., packed lunches, bottled water).
- Gloves and masks must be worn during meal prep and service for communal meals.
- No self-service eating or drinking (e.g., shared 5-gallon water jugs); designate one person as server.
- When eating, maintain at least 6ft distance between non-related scouts and adult leaders.

Camping

- Solo camping only for unrelated scouts. One scout per tent / Adirondack.
- No singing without masks AND at least 6ft distance between participants.

Sports, Shooting Sports, and ATV

- No sport with shared equipment (e.g., gagaball, ultimate frisbee) or team sports where players come within 6ft of each other (e.g., gagaball, human foosball, soccer, ultimate frisbee).
- Sanitize equipment between use (shooting sports, ATV).
- No climbing activities, as it is not practical to sanitize hand holds on climbing walls between climbers.

Swimming

- Maintain 6ft distance when changing into / out of swimsuits (designate two scout safety officers to monitor; no adult can monitor per YPT), on the pool deck, and as much as possible in the pool.
- No splashing, rough housing in pool (zero tolerance policy).

Crafts

- Self-contained; no shared supplies (scissors, markers, etc.). Sanitize supplies between use.

Emergencies

Always consider the greater risk to the immediate health and safety of scouts and adult leaders. For example, when dangerous weather arises seek safe shelter regardless of whether the unit can maintain 6ft of social distancing; throw a life-saving line to a drowning person regardless of shared contact.