



Welcome to Camp Geronimo 2021

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

On behalf of the 2021 Camp Geronimo Staff, we are so excited to welcome you to camp and hope our enthusiasm helps rekindle the spirit of scouting within your troop. The COVID-19 pandemic has had negative effects on our youth's mental health (Leeb, Bitsko, Radhakrishnan, Martinez, Njai, & Holland, 2020). Physical distancing and isolation have increased anxiety and depression and our Scouts are in dire need of a vibrant camp experience where they can recover from a stunted school year and be a part of an emotionally and physically safe in-person peer community. Camp Geronimo will provide opportunities for your scouts to try new activities, develop relationship and social skills, and be physically active. For our adults, summer camp will be an opportunity to escape to the tall pines and reset while spending a week with like-minded individuals.

Camp Geronimo operated in 2020 COVID free and we plan to build upon that success in 2021. The camp team has spent countless hours preparing Camp Geronimo to ensure it meets CDC and other health agency guidelines; however, no amount of preparation will help if you, our participants, do not understand and follow the plan. Attached is a brief set of instructions that we hope you will share with your parents, scouts, and scouters. We are hopeful that the combination of preventative measures and your pre-camp preparation will keep the virus from entering camp. If someone does exhibit viral symptoms then we have an excellent plan in place to isolate and contain its spread to keep others safe.

Pre-Camp Communication

1. Share "A Healthy Camp Begins and Ends at Home"
2. Ensure all participants have a completed Annual Health and Medical Record
3. Ask all participants/guardians to sign the COVID-19 "At-Risk" Camp Participant Statement.
4. Select a Youth and Adult to serve as your Troop Health Officer and ask those individuals to review the job description.
5. Consider conducting a brief parent's meeting to review summer plans and the attached COVID-19 precautions.
6. Review the [Camp Leader Guide](#)

*Don't forget to schedule your arrival time through Blackpug. Under registrant contact, click on "update information." Down near the very bottom is where you select a check-in time.

Day of Departure for Summer Camp

Although our camp staff have ensured Geronimo will meet health and government agency guidelines, please remember that a healthy camp begins and ends at home! Remember to check your Scout's temperature prior to leaving for camp and complete/bring the pre-event medical screening document. Consult the Leader Guide, the equipment checklist, and ensure each participant brings the following:

- Pre-event Medical Screening Checklist
- Covid-19 "At Risk" Camp Participant Statement
- Part A, B and C of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record signed by a physician and parent or guardian.
- A copy of the Family Insurance Card attached to the medical form.
- 2 updated rosters
- Any necessary medications and a completed Prescription Medication Dosing Form

Arrival at Camp Geronimo

As a reminder, all units need to sign up for an arrival time at camp. Our medical staff and Commissioners will meet your unit in the parking lot and conduct a medical screening and paperwork check before you will be allowed to enter camp. Those individuals arriving without proper paperwork or who fail the medical screening will be sent home. For those planning to arrive on Saturday, please remember that no programming or food is available, and all program areas are off-limits. Food service begins on Sunday evening with dinner.

Thanks for your Continued support of Scouting

Despite the many complications of the last 12 months there have been a lot of positive things happening: Facilities continue to improve, new programs such as Drone Flight School have been launched, and new program opportunities ranging from activity areas to Geronimo Badges will help fill your days with Scouting fun. The Grand Canyon Council appreciates your continued support of the Scouting and Summer Camp Program and sincerely hopes that Summer Camp 2021 will be one of your greatest Scouting experiences. See you at camp soon!

Yours in Scouting,

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Director of Support Services

