



COVID PROTOCOLS AND GUIDANCE FOR SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITIES 2021

As always, the safety of our youth participants, staff, volunteers, and communities is our top priority. This list below outlines several minimum guiding protocols that White Stag Sierra (WSS) will follow for all summer camp activities in camp and on the trail. The protocols are developed to meet local and state health departments, local councils, and the chartered organization of WSS.

Clear communication is essential to a leadership organization. White Stag Sierra will host a virtual parent information day May 8th from 10am to noon to answer any questions regarding how camp will be run. By May, all registered participants will receive an electronic version of our "Candidate Notebook" newly revised for 2021 to become familiar with before arriving at camp. In camp, each candidate will receive a physical copy of the notebook to use as a resource during the week, and to take home to help complete their Leadership Growth Goals. The notebook includes sections on Covid Protocols, general health and safety information, and important skills for use in camp and on the trail to greatly enhance each candidate's experience in the WSS program.

1. White Stag Sierra will be guided by the BSA Restart Scouting Checklist. Please use the live link to view the RSC. <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>
2. Upon arrival at Cisco Grove check in on the first day of camp program, there will be a pre-event checklist and medical screening that must be completed by all candidates, staff, volunteers, parents, or others before they will be allowed to drive into Camp Cole. <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-057.pdf>
3. WSS will follow all county health department guidelines, and state guidelines for "cohort" activities. Patrol sizes will not be more than 6 candidates plus one youth staff member. Phases will have no more than 6 patrols. All activities in close proximity will follow the cohort model so that no more than 16 individuals interact together. These cohorts will remain together for the course of the week in camp and there will be no mixing of groups. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx>
4. We will have 2 professional medical staff members in camp. Our medical staff will consist of a county health nurse (and nurse practitioner), and an ER nurse and nurse practitioner. In addition, our youth staff and adult staff have had training in wilderness first aid, CPR AED.
5. Food Preparation and service will follow all BSA summer camp recommendations, county health department advice, and strict sanitation protocols. At least one member of the kitchen staff will have a "Safe Serve" certification.
6. Because we are in a wilderness environment and there are other critters who share the camp with us, all participants and staff will be required to keep "smellables" including toiletries, and snacks in a bear box while in camp. On the trail the candidates will learn how to use a bear bag to hang food, etc. out of reach of wildlife. There can be no food or other "smellable" items in tents, backpacks, or other personal gear overnight.
7. For questions or comments about WSS please email Mark Weyland, Program Director 2021 at: markweyland1@gmail.com, or Sandie Powell Assistant Program Director 2021 at: flukefancier@yahoo.com
8. Here is the BSA Covid 19 page for reference. <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>