

Geronimo Webinar Q & A—June 9th, 2020

As discussed, we have decided to move to the cohort style camping based on CDC and state regulations. This allows us to break participants into smaller, autonomous groups to prevent any contact between groups, limiting exposure and aiding in contact tracing if needed. Overall, this is the safest way to conduct camp and allows us to continue to provide the amazing camping experience you all have experienced in the past.

Below you will find answers to all your questions asked during our June 9th webinar. If your question is not answered below, please send us an email and we will get you an answer as soon as possible.

We look forward to another great year of summer camp and we cannot wait to get going in just a couple short weeks!

Medical Form questions

It was said before that Part C med form must be since Feb 1, 2019. Does this still hold true or did you revert back to within a year?

- Correct. If your scout attended summer camp last year, that Part C will suffice for this year.

Do you want forms digitally, or physically?

- Physically. NEVER digitally based on HIPPA laws. Bring with you the first day of camp.

Are COVID risk statement for scouts only or should adults who are attending also need to complete it?

- ALL scouts, adults, & staff will fill out the risk statement.

Do you still want copies of insurance cards?

- Yes please. Standard requirement. If a child gets hurt, this will be a vital document when taking child to medical professionals.

Merit Badge questions

Our Merit badge schedule is no longer valid? Will the scouts be able to do all the merit badges they have already signed up for or will it be a consensus of the cohort group?

- No longer valid. Please select and submit top 6 choices as a group.

If whole cohort group goes to MB areas, how are we handling extra fees for shooting/archery if some of the scouts didn't sign up for those MBs?

- Just because Cohort is going, doesn't mean ALL scouts have to go. If a group of scouts want to stay back and work on a different MB, we will coordinate with a counselor to come to your camp to teach those other scouts.

Our troop is sending 30 Scouts. So that means another troop of 20 will be added to our cohort? If so, how do we decide with another troop what MBs are the consensus?

- We plan to give each Cohort their own campsite. Ultimately, if we do pair up troops we will work to accommodate as best as possible. Extra staff will help accommodate those extra badges.

Will Brownsea Island scouts still be able to work on first aid and swimming merit badge?

- Yes! When cohort is assigned aquatics area, the patrol with BrownSea will be scheduled at the same time to work on swimming MB at that time.

For the Top Six merit badges, is that supposed to be a concensus from the troop, or is that a top six for each scout in my troop?

- Pick top 6 most important as a group. Guidance of what the majority of your group wants to complete. A google doc will be sent out to pick these MB.

When are top 6 choices needed?

- Document has been sent out to Troop leadership. Please get this back ASAP to help with camp preparation.

Is there a list of MB that they will not be doing this year, or does the Google doc list those?

- Currently, we plan to do all badges. The lifesaving MB is the only one we currently have concerns about due to the highly interactive nature of the badge.

Will all scouts be charged if doing the "cohort" merit badges?

- No, only Merit Badges that the scout participates in will he/she be charged for. If the cohort chooses shooting and a scout doesn't want to shoot, they will not be obligated to shoot with the cohort.

If cooking (or any other MB) is one of our 6 top MB's and many of our Scouts have it, is it possible to send someone to that area to teach a different MB...say environmental science?

- Absolutely. Cooking is not an area where we will be scheduling cohorts. While many of your scouts may be working on cooking, maybe your older scouts are working on environmental science at the same time.

Will we need to bring equipment to work on specific merit badges within our campsite or will they provide it, for example cooking merit badge

- If we are teaching a MB, we should have all the equipment, but if your troop has something that could help please bring those items with you.

Will we know what classes to be prepared for prior to camp arrival. materials are a concern

- We will do our best to reach out prior to camp. If you scout comes in with all the prerequisites, we should be able to accommodate the rest of the badge at camp.

Cohort Camping questions

Will BrownSea scouts camp separately / separate from the rest of their home unit?

- They will camp with your cohort. They will be back at your campsite every night.

Is the Cohort just for dining or for the entire camp experience?

- The entire camp experience. We MUST keep Cohorts separate.

We are a troop of 41 scouts and 8 adults, will we be the same cohort?

- Yes, anything under 50 people will be in the same cohort.

Does spade ranch scouts go sun day right away or tent with their troop that night

- They will be separate cohort. But, as soon as they leave your troop, they will then stay with their cohort for the remainder of camp.

Horse related questions

What about horsemanship?

- It is still happening. Waiting to see how many signed up. If you group just wants to go on a trail ride, that will be available as well. 25 horses will be arriving in just a couple weeks.

Since there was a \$40 charge for horsemanship will that be refunded to those who signed up and will not be taking now due to the change?

- Yes, there will be refunds for program fees if you are no longer taking part in those specific programs.

Boys Troops and Girls Troops

Will the Girls and Boys troops be in the same cohort group?

- No, Girl Cohorts will have their own campsites and more than likely be at opposite side of camp.

What about the showers and keeping girls and boys separate during all times.? plan?

- Girls will have different shower times than boys.

How are we handling leadership of girl's troops with a male adult leader? (along with a female adult leader and vice versa)

- BSA rules, girls troop at least 1 Female over 21 and 1 other leader over 18.

How will camp cooking work? We have a B and G troop going and were planning on sharing mealtime with camp cooking

- Again, boy and girl troops are separate units and we plan to keep them in their own cohorts. Please plan on cooking separately.

Shooting Sports questions

For shotgun can they bring their own ammo?

- Yes, please do. Especially if its an ammo we do not have.

What are the regulations for crossing state lines if bringing own firearms?

- Laws are very different state by state. Please look this up before traveling with your firearm.

Are we limited on type of Shotguns and will all our scouts be able to shoot?

- Guide to Safe Scouting will speak to this directly.

Do you need to bring arrows if we bring our own bows?

- If you are bringing compound bow, please bring your own arrows.

Sleeping arrangement questions.

How is tenting to be handled? Two to a tent okay? Single Scout, single Tent? Due to background noise the entire Campsite section was not audible.

- 2 to a tent is ok, but ultimately it is up to parents and troop leadership.

Are the Scouts sleeping in tents, bunk houses or do they need to bring their own tents?

- Bring your own tents. There will be platforms to place the tents on, but our canvas tents will not be erected this year.

Do we get to use the already built structures to sleep in or just our personal tents?

- Yes, Adirondacks. This is up to you.

Can parents' tent with their own child, given the circumstances of C-19??

- Short answer, yes. But we discourage as these kids should use this to break out of their shell and tent with the other youth.

When are we going to know our campsites? I need to be close to electric to recharge a dry cell battery.

- Commissioners are working on this now. They will send them out as soon as they are complete. Might be at camp

What is an Adirondack?

- Open faced cabin in each campsite. Essentially a bunk with three walls and a roof.

T-Shirt related questions

Are shirts orange?

- No, they will be a shade of green from the logo.

**Are there guidelines for the shirt sizes or details of shirt appearance to share before ordering?
Can shirts be mail-ordered after the fact if tomorrow's deadline is missed?**

- Yes, this is posted in BlackPug and can ordered straight through BlackPug

Where do I pre order the T-shirts?

- Your point of contact received an email with directions. You can order your shirts under your Geronimo registration on BlackPug

What is the cost of the t-shirts?

- \$15 – YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL
- \$16 – AXXL, AXXXL

General Questions

What about the High Adventure campers?

- Spade ranch will most likely camp as their own Cohort. Staff will provide leadership.

Are there any Big G Gold changes / requirement changes?

- We had a long conversation with Chris. Looking into modifying it. There will be changes, but the plan is still in the works.

Is there still room and is the cost the same as what is published on the Geronimo site?

- There is still room in weeks 6-8. Please check the Geronimo webpage for current prices and availability. <https://www.campgeronimo.org/summer-camp/>

Can we have access now to the 2020 Geronimo logo to customize our own mugs

- **We need to find out.**

How are we handling hikes and compass courses?

- Education from scouts and leaders. Teach people how to distance themselves and stick with these tactics.

We were scheduled to arrive early on Saturday. with Cohort camping will that even happen.

- YES! We would like you to arrive Saturday if you already have that planned. We are trying to stagger units, and this will help keep distance. We may not complete the entire check in Saturday.

How will OA tap-out work?

- OA is working on the plan to make this happen. We may do individual tap outs with each cohort. Stay tuned for more info.

What about wilderness survival?

- The overnigher will still happen. Not sure specifics, but it is planned. We will work with those who want to make this happen.

Any 4th of July activities planned?

- This falls on Saturday, which is the departure day. The program directors may have something planned for Friday night, but this will be a question when you arrive at camp.

Cell phone and battery charging stations?

- Always a topic of discussion. Shower houses, Program area, SM area all have plugs. Keep in mind, cell phones don't work well throughout camp.

How will "I Did it all" work this year?

- We are looking into how to modify reequipments to ensure your scouts get all the opportunities. We want them to have the full Geronimo experience and will do our best to accommodate that.

We tried to sign up for Sat arrival, but the "schedule" was full. Is sat still schedule arrivals only?

- Email Donna.Kutarnia@scouting.org so we can look into the numbers for your week.

Does Camp have a theme?

- Geronimo typically does not have a theme. Cub Adventure camps usually have themes. However, we are running some fall and winter camps that will have themes. As soon as we get through summer camp, we will get all these details to your Troops leadership.

WIFI? this year

- WIFI same as last year. Relatively fast, but with numbers a camp it can be up and down. It allows you to check emails, not stream videos.

I had planned on being able to work remotely while at camp... which means I will need access to wifi. Are SMs going to be able to stay near the SM hut?

- There are not campsites near trading posts. But we will work it out to allow you to use this area while practicing distancing.

Is the Mogollon Monster experience going to be available?

- Yes. It may be different than in the past, but our program team is currently working the details.

How meals are working.

- Cohorts will be assigned a door time. Please arrive 10 minutes prior as we will do a quick medical screen and hand washing before entering the dining facility.

Could you explain the meal at the dining hall on Sunday again?

- Dinner is first meal served. We will follow the cohort dining plan discussed above. You will be given a 3-ring binder with all this information.

How will classes with leaders be affected by the COHORT style?

- SM program still plans to operate. Generally small so no issues distancing everyone.

Will there be anywhere available where someone could plug in and use medical equipment overnight like a cpap?

- There is not electric at you site. However, there are many power outlets throughout camp that you can charge your battery during the day to use at night.

Is there concern over the recent spike in community spread of Covid19 in Arizona?

- There is always concern over spikes. There are many different opinions on why these spikes happen. But therefore, we are taking all these measures to follow guidelines to ensure the safety of our scouts, adults, and staff.

Can we assume there will be no meal shift flag ceremonies?

- That is correct. We will not have big group flags. But camp staff have created program to do flag ceremonies at your campsites.

Is KP duty happening?

- KP will look a bit different this year. A couple scouts will arrive and quickly sanitize tables for their group. Open trash cans will be available for each cohort. Scouts will wash and sanitize as your cohort leaves the dining facility.

Is there a scenario where camp would be cancelled due to an increase in Covid cases?

- Yes, if the governor were to enact a stay at home order, we would have to cancel camp at that time.

Refund questions

Can you address our current stance on refunds again? to confirm then, \$125 dollars maximum refund and each scout needs a doctor's note?

- Correct, each scout not attending will need some sort of reason with documentation. Based on pre-camp cost, we will only refund UP TO \$125 per scout.

Since the camp decision was moved to cohorts and not the original merit badge choices are Camp Geronimo willing to reconsider the refund policy?

- Unfortunately, no. We have already preorder food based on the numbers signed up.

If scouts don't want to go to camp can they get a refund

- Refund policy is in effect. At this point up to \$125 is refundable and a medical document will be needed.

If you have any additional questions, please contact:

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