



Proposal for Troop family camps
at Camp Noyo
for 2020

Boy Scouts of America
Redwood Empire Council

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Summary

In response to challenges brought by the Coronavirus, many camps have decided to cancel their 2020 sessions. Contingent on support from scouting and governmental authorities, including the State of California and Mendocino County, Camp Noyo is proposing to offer two troop family camps of less than 72 hours. Scouting and government/administrative requirements will be followed. The following is a brief description of what we propose.

Redwood Empire Council is proposing to offer a scaled-down experience at Camp Noyo in 2020. Instead of our standard week-long resident camp, we will offer two troop family camps. Staff will be welcomed to arrive Sunday and stay through the following Sunday morning. Session 1 will run Monday morning through Wednesday afternoon, and session 2 will run Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon, during the last week of July. Troops may arrive as early as they wish on Day 1 and depart in time to have dinner en-route or at home on Day 3.

Staff and campers

Staff are intended to number around 12, and will include people dedicated to keeping critical parts of the camp sanitized and coaching units on running their kitchens. The traditional practice of assigning a rotating duty roster to clean bathrooms and do KP will not suffice this year.

Scouts and scouters, and associated family campers will be limited to 30-35 people per session. 2 to 3 troops will be able to sign up per session. Troops must bring at least two adult leaders and will be allowed to bring family members. Webelos Scouts accompanied by a parent or guardian may attend as part of a sponsoring troop.

Food service

Camp food service will be provided to staff only, and will not be provided to campers. Troops will be in charge of their own food, including procurement, safe storage, and preparation. Meals will be served in the campsites.

Program

Program will be determined by the available staff. We will attempt to staff and offer activities in our traditional areas of Eagle Claw, Nature, Handicrafts, Waterfront and Shooting sports (archery only?), if we can determine adequate measures for distancing, sanitization, and safety. Expect limited offerings.

We will work on merit badges. We are currently reviewing merit badges that lend themselves to limited time, or where key requirements can be offered at camp, and the remainder of the requirements can be done at home using video conferencing. As always, if one of your troop adults is interested in teaching a favorite merit badge, please contact our Camp or Program

Directors. In 2019, we had a troop scouter in camp who is a Medical Doctor, and he led a First Aid MB session that was amazing!

No Skunk train

As was the case in 2019, the Skunk Train is not prepared to run trains to camp. They have problems with a trestle on the Willits side, and a tunnel on the Fort Bragg side. Given the importance of distancing and the challenges of enclosed travel with uncontrolled groups, it seems appropriate to exclude a train ride from the Noyo experience this year.

We will all drive personal vehicles to camp. The final road into camp is a well-maintained dirt road, easily traveled by two-wheel drive vehicles of average clearance. Be sure your tires are in good condition and buy fuel before you leave Willits. Be prepared if anyone needs transport off business hours or if camp needs to be evacuated.

Cost

The cost to attend camp is under review. Our initial budget estimate is based on \$60 per ScoutsBSA or Webelos scout, \$40 per leader, scouter and other family members, and \$20 per staff, all substantially less than prior years when food service was provided by camp.

Medical forms

Getting a camp physical this year may not be easy or even possible! By offering a camp of less than 72 hours, we will require a current Part A and B of the BSA medical form, but the Part C that requires a physician signature, will not be required.

If you have a complete (A-B-C) signed from 2019, bring it. National is reviewing a temporary rule that A-B-C forms signed after February 1, 2019 will be good through August 31, 2020.

A new Part A and B, reviewed within two weeks of departure for camp, is required. Please use the latest A-B form, dated 2019 printing. It's at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/> behind the button for [All Scouting Events](#).

Of course, if you are able to get the new form A-B-C (select [Are you Going to Camp?](#)) with a 2020 medical signature, it will be accepted.

Screening/precautions for COVID-19 infections

Further information will be supplied, but this is an outline of what to expect.

1. Troops will screen their participants daily for temperature and flu-like symptoms. A log will be kept by the acting unit leader on site. Any anomalies will be immediately reported to camp leadership.
2. Participants will be asked to keep a similar log for two weeks prior to camp. This will be shared with your unit leadership prior to travel to camp. Of course, if any hopeful participants (adults & youth) display symptoms, they and their family members will not be allowed to enter camp.

3. Travel, among groups by enclosed means (plane, train, bus), in the two weeks prior to camp is strongly discouraged. Please include in your log any such travel and describe what precautions were taken.
4. Masks will be required of each participant, and will be worn in camp during gatherings (meal preparation, flags, +?). Masks will not be practical during some activities. Camp and unit leadership discretion will be respectfully applied and followed.
5. If anyone acquires symptoms at camp, they and their family members will be asked to leave camp. Unit leadership can decide if the entire campsite stays or leaves. Such events, identified to campsite and unit, not individuals, will be shared at twice daily camp staff – unit leadership meetings so that frequent assessments of camp safety will be transparent.

Feedback

is a gift! Please advise your troop, camp, or council leadership if this describes a camp you would like to participate in during the 2020 season. We want to know what can/should we do to make you feel that you or your loved ones will have a safe, fun, learning experience at camp.

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