

# TROOP 292 of HOOKSETT, NH



## TROOP 292 CAMPING GUIDELINES

*(effective 11/1/2020)*

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Troop 292 has adopted the following camping guidelines designed to keep our scouts, adult volunteers, and families safe. These guidelines are subject to change based on the evolving conditions of the pandemic.

As a starting point, Troop 292 will follow the Unit Camping Guidance issued by the Daniel Webster Council; this document can be found at <https://nhscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Unit-Camping-Guidance.pdf> (or go to <http://nhscouting.org> and follow the links for COVID-19 Resources).

In addition to the precautions specified in the DWC Guidance, we have added the following Troop procedures:

- Masks are required any time a minimum of 6 feet of distance will not or cannot occur. This includes during transportation, activities, cooking, cleaning, packing/unpacking equipment from the troop trailer, etc. Participants may remove their mask if they are more than 6 feet distant from other participants, but should have a mask readily available in case they find themselves within 6 feet of another person.
- Participants should pack multiple masks and ensure masks are changed to clean masks regularly. The troop will have a limited supply of spare masks for emergency use, but having an adequate supply of clean masks is the participant's responsibility.
- Personal belongings should be contained in a backpack, duffel bag, tub, etc. All other items like sleeping bags, pillows, etc., must be placed in a labeled trash bag. The goal is to avoid contact between participants' belongings.
- Tenting – one Scout per tent. Hammocks are allowed, weather and environment permitting.
- Meal prep/clean up: Masks are required.
  - One Scout will cook, others will stay out of the cooking area (no spectators). If an assistant cook is needed for prep, they must work in a separate area. All cooks will wear a mask while cooking and practice frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing.
  - A maximum of two Scouts will clean up, maintaining a 6 foot distance as much as possible.

- Preference for drying dishes is to air dry on a table with a sanitized tablecloth. If that is impractical (for example, sub-freezing weather), scouts should use a clean dish towel (available in the troop trailer).
  - Disposable plates, cups and flatware will be used and meals will be eaten with a minimum of 6 feet between each participant.
  - Tables will be covered with plastic tablecloths and sanitized before and after meals.
- Scout water bottles will only be filled by adults from the Troop water containers to ensure no cross contamination from personal bottle to large containers.
- Latrine/sink protocols – Scouts will use Troop-provided sanitizing wipes to wipe down any high-touch surfaces in latrine areas before use. This would include water spigots and sinks (if water is turned on), toilet seats, etc. This will require common sense, scouts should think before they touch – if you're going to touch it, sanitize it first!