COVID-19 Sleeping Quarters Recommendations

These guidelines are for all camping activities – Council, District, and Units. It applies to all Scouting groups – Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Exploring.

TENT CAMPING

It is recommended that each person sleep in their own tent whenever possible.

It is realized that units/camps may not have enough tentage to accommodate 1 person per tent. In situations where this is not possible, no more than 2 persons are allowed per tent unless the tent manufacturer specifies a specific higher maximum capacity.

In all cases of multiple persons per tent, a distance of 3 feet be maintained between individuals. It is also required that all persons sleep in a head-to-toe layout. That is each person’s head is at the opposite end of the tent compared to the person next to them. Head-to-toe and 3 foot spacing helps maintain the maximum social distancing.

It is also recommended that face masks be worn whenever possible. We realize that some persons may have difficulty or fear wearing a mask while sleeping, so it is permissible to not wear a face mask in such situations.
CABIN CAMPING

When cabin/shelter camping is being held, social distancing is to be maintained. A minimum distance of 3 feet is to be maintained between beds/bunks. No persons should be sleeping in a top bunk.

It is also required that all persons sleep in a head-to-toe layout. That is each person’s head is at the opposite end of the tent compared to the person next to them, as in the leftmost picture below. Head-to-toe and 3 foot spacing helps maintain the maximum social distancing.

If possible, bed/bunk arrangement should be as in the rightmost picture below. Bunks can be arranged in the staggered pattern during sleeping hours and the pushed back during normal hours to maximize floor space.

If the beds/bunks are not arranged in straight line, side-by-side arrangement as above, in no case shall 2 person’s heads be place next to each other. Use a toe-to-toe arrangement.

If there are insufficient beds available and the top bunks must be used, then sheets or blankets should be placed around the head end of the bottom bunk. The sheet/blanket should cover an area on each side for 2 feet and across the head area of the bunk. This is to contain the breathing and/or coughing area of the person in the bottom bunk. Person in the top bunks must be opposite the sleeping pattern of those in the bottom bunk.

It is also recommended that face masks be worn whenever possible. We realize that some persons may have difficulty or fear wearing a mask while sleeping, so it is permissible to not wear a face mask in such situations.