Many new procedures are in place to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 at our alternative Scouts BSA Programs this summer. Those include changes to the check in and out procedures, the addition of pre-camp screening protocols, limitations on group sizes and visitors, and many changes to the day to day operations at the Camp. Please familiarize yourself with the ALC Covid-19 Summer Camp Policies and Procedures document for the full details.

**Registration Details (Cost $25 per Scout) Sign Ups Start June 15th**

Troops will be able to register a patrol of 10 youth and a minimum of 2 adult leaders for the 1-day outdoor experiences at Illinek. As noted in the general announcement there will be no more than 3 patrols permitted on any given program day. Patrols can be comprised of Scouts from any rank level.

Scouts BSA Programs will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 7th through July 30th. Depending on camp availability and demand additional programs may be scheduled at a later date.

To avoid possible issues, there will be no online registration, Unit Leaders should contact Chuck Apgar directly to begin scheduling, charles.apgar@scouting.org or 217-529-2727. Rosters of the 10 Scouts will need to be submitted to the Council. If your unit cannot fill a full 10 Scout Patrol you may be permitted to have other local Scouts join at the discretion of the Camp Management.

To offer programs to the largest number of Scouts possible, at the start Scouts will be limited to 1 day each.

**Recommended Process for Registration**

1. Communicate with your leaders and Scouts to determine how many would be interested an in-person day experience, and what program they would like from the “menu”
2. Identify at least 2 sessions that meet your Troops schedule.
3. Contact Chuck Apgar to secure your place on the Schedule (pending availability) charles.apgar@scouting.org or 217-529-2727.
4. Submit roster for the Patrols(s).
5. Scouts and Families familiarize themselves with the new policies and procedures.

**Program “Menu”**

The best effort will be made to cover all requirements listed, but experiences may very depending on the Scouts involvement. Requirements will not be “signed off” as this is the units role in the advancement process.

**Pioneering:** Knots, Lashings, other rope skills. Scout through first class. Some potential overlap into Pioneering merit badge

- Scout: 4a, 4b
- Tenderfoot: 3a, 3b, 3c
- Second Class: 2f, 2g
- First Class: 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d
- Merit badges: Covered with the above or with minor addition
  - Pioneering: 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 4

**First Aid:** Tenderfoot through first class first aid, and some First aid merit badge

- Tenderfoot: 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d
- Second Class: 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e
- First Class: 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f
- Merit badges: Covered with the above or with minor addition
  - First Aid: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7?, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
  - Orienteering: 3a, 3b, 4, 5

**Scout Skills:** Woods tools, campfire, basic orienteering, some citizenship requirements.

- Scout 1e, 3a, 5
- Tenderfoot 3d, 5a, 5b, 5c, 7a, 8
- Second Class: 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 3a, 3c, 3d, 4?, 8a, 8b
- First Class: 4a? 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d
- Merit badges: Covered with the above or with minor addition
  - Orienteering: 3a, 3b, 4, 5

**Rank “Crash” Course:** 1 day on a specific rank Tenderfoot through First Class.

**Lunch/Drinks**

Due to limitations, the Camp is unable to provide lunch during programs this summer. Please ensure each Scouting family is aware that they will need to send a bag lunch with their Scout. Refrigeration may be available. Scouts must also bring their own reusable water bottle. Refill stations will be available.

**Staffing**

The Abraham Lincoln Council will be providing core staff positions, and anyone interested in helping to staff these opportunities should contact Chuck Apgar. All Staff will be following the same mitigation procedures as the participants. Staff are current Scouts and Scouters and will be trained on the mitigation methods that are in place.

**Pre-Camp Wellness**

An important part of remaining healthy at camp is ensuring that you are health at check in. A Personal Pre-Camp Screening Form has been developed to aid in tracking your Scouts health before coming to camp. Scouts must be free from symptoms for 14 days prior to attending camp. Families will also be required to review and agree to the Attendee Informed Consent Form.
Check In

Prior to your session, your Patrol will be provided a check in time. It is critical that you arrive promptly as check in times are staggered for the patrols to avoid unneeded contact between groups. Failure to arrive as directed may result in the Scout not being able to attend.

Step 1: Pre-Entry Vehicle Screening

Before entering the Camp Property, all individuals in each vehicle will be required to have their temperature check. If any individual in the vehicle has a temperature exceeding 100.4 entry to camp will be denied for everyone in the vehicle. It may be advisable for all attendees to travel only with those in their immediate family group.

Step 2: Check In

After entering camp, vehicles will be directed to the check in site. If needed to maintain social distancing, attendees will be asked to stay in their vehicle until approached by a staff member.

During check-in, attendees will need to turn in their AMHR, Informed Consent Form, and will be screened using the ALC COVID-19 Screening Form. Those unable to pass the screening will not be permitted to enter camp.

After check-in Scouts will be directed to their program area.

On Site Procedures

Various methods of mitigation will be in place during in-person programs, including but not limited to:

Personal Sanitation

All attendees will be expected to practice proper hand hygiene.
- Frequent wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after activities
- Provision of hand sanitizer when soap and water may not be readily available

Social Distancing and Face Coverings

Social distancing practices should be followed as much as possible during activities. To facilitate this each program will be held in a pre-designated area, limiting the cross over between groups. Prior to the program, areas will be modified to provide adequate seating areas, table space, and working areas.

If social distancing is not possible due to the nature of the activities, face coverings must be worn. Each attendee is expected to provide their own face covering. ALC will attempt to have face coverings available if an attendee’s becomes lost, damaged, soiled, or otherwise unusable.
Due to the prioritizing of PPE for medical use, ALC’s supply may be extremely limited, and efforts to minimize waste are appreciated. Reusable face coverings should be cleaned regularly.

**Shared Items**

Use of shared items will be avoided as much as possible. Attendees should provide their own reusable water bottles and lists of other needed personal items will be distributed as necessary.

When shared items are used (e.g. BB guns, bows and arrows, sports equipment, art supplies) they will be properly cleaned and disinfected between use with approved products.

**Communal Space and Frequently Touched Surfaces**

Communal Spaces (eg. Bathrooms) will be designated for individual program groups to minimize interactions. These spaces will be regularly cleaned and sanitized using two-stage cleaning and disinfecting methods.

Frequently touched surfaces (eg. Tables, chairs) will be cleaned at the start and end of each day and sanitized regularly.

**Occurrence of Symptoms during programs**

If an attendee begins to show symptoms during the program, they will be required to wear a face covering, will be isolated from others, and arrangements to leave the property will be made. Youth protection policies will be followed if the attendee is a youth.

Others that have been in contact with the attendee will be contacted.

All areas that the attendee came in contact with will be closed for cleaned and sanitize according to CDC and IDPH guidelines. If deemed necessary those areas will be closed for an extended period of time.

**Check Out**

At the conclusion of the program, attendees are to be picked up by an authorized individual from the predetermined location. The timeframe for pickup will be pre-scheduled, and vehicles must depart as soon as they are loaded. To maintain these standards and Youth Protection Standards it is critical that attendees be picked up promptly at the designated time.

**Post Event**

As the COVID-19 virus can be transmitted asymptomatically, it is advised that attendees continue to monitor their health for fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the program. If in that period symptoms develop or a positive diagnosis is received, the attendee should contact program leadership
so others can be notified that they may have been in contact. Other actions as deemed necessary by the CDC and IDPH should be followed.

**Visitors and Re-entry**

Due to the mitigation factors in place this summer visitors will not be permitted except in pre-approved situations. **Please do not visit camp without contacting administrators beforehand.** Unplanned visitors will be turned away. Any pre-approved visitors will be subject to the same check-in procedures as the attendees and staff.

Adults providing transportation for Scouts should not return to camp before their scheduled pick-up window.

**Refunds**

Any participant that voluntarily cancels their participation due to the onset of symptoms or concerns about risk will be issued a full refund. Participants should notify the Council as soon as possible to allow for alternative arrangements. **Failure to notify the Council within 14 days of the session may result in forfeiture of refund due to a “no-show” status.**

Any participant that is not permitted to enter due to the check in process will be issued a full refund.