Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Istrouma Area Council’s top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID-19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to come to camp this summer.

First, our council health supervisor, a physician William Freeman, MD, is coordinating with federal, state, and local health departments to ensure we are informed of and comply with their guidance to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 being contracted at camp.

Our mitigation plan includes:
- Pre-attendance education.
- Health screening conducted by your unit prior to travel to our camp, including a temperature check.
- Health screening upon your arrival at camp conducted by our camp health officers, which will also include a temperature check.
  - Note: if anyone does not pass the arrival screening, the entire group riding together will not be allowed to enter camp.
- Limitations on visitors in camp.
  - Visitors, if allowed at camp, will be screened upon arrival before entry to camp.
- Hygiene reminders while at camp.
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout camp.
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- An emergency response plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.
- Check-ins with each unit one week and two weeks after the unit leaves camp to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

We also know the very nature of camp makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others.
COVID-19 “At-Risk” Camp Participant / Staff Statement

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 based on the below (not all inclusive) list:

- People 65 years and older
- People at all ages with underlying medical conditions
- People with heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised (HIV, Cancer, Organ Transplant, immunodeficiencies, smokers, medications that weaken your immune system (steroids))
- People with obesity
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease
- People with liver disease
- People with asthma, COPD or other lung diseases

If you are in one of these groups, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending camp.

Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

Acknowledgment: I understand that participation in camp is voluntary and that I or my child by participating may be at risk to contract COVID-19.

Participant / Staff: _____________________________ Date: ________________

Parent (Guardian): _____________________________ Date: ________________