

Benjamin Tallmadge District
FALL 2020 FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - As of August 26, 2020

1. Can we...??

As a general rule to all questions, units are required to engage their Chartered Organization in a discussion regarding their plans for meetings, activities, events, and Courts of Honor (COHs) prior to the event taking place. Additionally, the unit must secure the permission of the Chartered Organization before going forward with their plans on meetings, events, activities, and COHs.

2. How do we handle Eagle Courts of Honor or other Courts Of Honors?

Gathering size for any Scout meeting, activity, event, or COH is 50 persons inclusive of all Scouts, Leaders, Parents and Guests.

3. Can we serve food at meetings, events, activities, COHs?

Currently, there are no restrictions on serving food at a meeting, event, or COH. However, we strongly recommend that procedures be implemented that do not allow for the self-service of food by participants. All food should be served by servers who have washed their hands and are using gloves, wearing masks, and using serving utensils.

4. Can we meet on private property?

Yes, if you have explicit permission from the landowner. We strongly recommend that you secure this permission in writing. The 50-person gathering limit applies.

5. Can we organize a campout where families campout overnight?

No, currently in New York State, overnight camping for Scout Groups and other Youth Groups are not permitted.

6. Can families camp out overnight after the scouting event is over?

Yes, however, the unit cannot organize or make any arrangements for the families. Each family would need to make their own arrangements separate from the unit.

It is also important to note that since the Scouting activity happening during the day has concluded, the family camping would not be considered a scouting event and as such is not covered under insurance.

7. Can we take the Scouts out-of-state to a state that allows for overnight camping?

Yes, if that state allows for Scout Groups (Youth Groups) overnight camping. The unit is required to be aware of local and state restrictions/guidelines, and follow all guidelines or restrictions that are in place.

8. Can we use BHSC or the Council Office for meeting space?

The Camp and the Council are actively investigating the possibility of using space at BHSC or the Council Office for units to hold meetings. If you are interested in finding out more information about space at camp or would like to add your unit to the list, email Nina Kelly at nina.kelly@scouting.org