



Weekend trips to Camps Texlake or Kachina

Each member, volunteer and family should always evaluate their own unique circumstances before making an informed decision about whether or not to participate in any in-person activities. Precautions and strategies are important but cannot guarantee the elimination of the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or other illness while participating in in-person activities.

Before embarking on any in-person activities, please familiarize yourself with the latest guidelines from ALL of the following:

GSCTX: <https://www.gsctx.org/en/our-council/covid-19-information.html>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/index.html>

State of Texas: <https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Youth-Club-Participants.pdf>

Austin/Travis County: (or your local governing agency)

<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/news/2020/1945-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information>

This document provides a brief summary of the new protocols put into place by the GSCTX Camps Team for weekend visits to Camps Texlake and Kachina. It is not meant to replace any of the guidelines set forth on the GSCTX website COVID page and should only serve as a supplement to that information. Please share this document with the other adults visiting camp with your group. If you have any questions, please contact the camp manager for the camp you are visiting.

General Sanitization:

- Shared bathrooms will be sanitized each morning, mid-day and at the end of the day by camp staff when guests are on camp.
- High touch surfaces in shared spaces will be sanitized on the same schedule by GSCTX camp staff.
- Shared equipment at camp staff-led activities will be sanitized multiple times per day or between groups, as needed.
- Shared equipment at DIY activities will be sanitized multiple times per day and supplies will be made available for any additional cleaning guests may desire.

- Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will be available for guest use throughout camp.
- Cabins/Lodges and other overnight facilities will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before the arrival of each group and after the departure of a group. We will not enter a group's lodging for cleaning purposes during their stay.
- Signs have been posted around camp regarding proper hand-washing and proper coughing/sneezing techniques. Guests are encouraged to engage in hand washing for at least 20 seconds and/or use hand sanitizer frequently during their visit.

While at camp:

- All guests will be required to answer COVID screening questions and, upon arrival, have a temperature check administered by camp staff.
- All guests (including children) and camp staff will be required to wear CDC Approved masks. Please keep in mind:
 - Masks must fit CDC guidelines: **Gators, bandannas or masks with vents are not adequate masks, please visit the CDC website for details about appropriate masks: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>**
 - Masks must always be worn when within 6 feet of another person, both inside buildings and outside around camp, unless actively eating, drinking or sleeping.
 - If campers must remove their mask, for example during hygiene activities or actively, eating, drinking or sleeping, care must be taken to socially distance as much as possible including but not limited to sleeping head to toe, spreading out over picnic tables during meals, limiting campers in cabin restrooms at the same time and stepping away least 6 feet from others if drinking while hiking.
- If more than 1 group is on property, each group will be separated completely –not sharing meals, bathrooms, or activities at the same time.
- If attending camp as part of a larger group like a service unit or large troop, campers must remain in their assigned, smaller group during the entirety of their camp visit. Groups cannot switch members or intermingle while on camp during the campout.
- Whenever possible, guests should use restrooms located in their cabin to reduce use of communal restrooms.

Cabin Usage at Camp:

- Guests are encouraged to spend their time outside of the cabins whenever possible, except for sleeping. Hanging out with friends should be done outside the cabins, but groups should not intermingle while at camp. Even in communal areas, such as campfire, groups are encouraged to socially distance.
- Guests should not enter another group's cabin or rented space during their visit.
- Troops will need to space themselves out so that all participants are not using the bathrooms at the same time. Adult volunteers will need to monitor that girls are not crowding in the restrooms encroaching on one another, especially during hygiene times that require no mask like showering and brushing teeth.
- Adult chaperones with all groups will monitor the bathrooms to ensure that children are washing hands properly.

- GSCTX encourages use of hand sanitizer after using the restroom.
- Masks do not need to be worn while sleeping, however please sleep in the follow configurations:
 - All guests are required to sleep toe to head and not head-to-head.
 - Campers in the top bunks will sleep opposite to the bottom bunks so that they are also not head-to-head with the person above/below them.
 - Anyone sleeping close to the fan will sleep with their feet to the fan, not their head.
- If a cabin has flaps, they must be open, if at all possible.
- When cleaning the cabin for check out, campers are encouraged to pay special attention to cleaning high touch areas including but not limited to doorknobs, faucet handles, flush handle on toilet, light switches, etc.

Activities:

- Each group must remain in their “cohort” throughout their weekend, including while at activities.
- Groups will remain separate from other groups during their activity times and will only be allowed at the activity during their activity time. Please avoid arriving more than 5 minutes early for your designated time and plan to depart at the end of your time from that activity space.
- Appropriate masks must be worn properly while at camp, including at activities, unless otherwise directed by GSCTX camp staff (for example: masks will be worn while on the pool deck but no masks while in the pool). Guests will NOT be allowed to participate in activities unless they are masked and follow all safety instructions and protocols shared by GSCTX staff.
- Staff will have hand sanitizer at all activities for guests to use.
- Equipment will be sanitized as needed after use by an instructor, ready to go for the next group.
- No swaps be allowed while we are still under COVID-19 protocols. Smores may be done at your unit if you have an appropriately trained volunteer. However, no smores will be allowed at the communal campfire.
- GSCTX Camp Staff will:
 - Always wear masks when interacting with guests or other staff
 - Be taught proper hand-washing and will be required to wash before the start of the day’s activities and in between activity periods where possible, if not possible staff will use hand sanitizer.
 - Ensure social distancing as needed and mask wearing is happening for all staff and guests at activity site.
 - Ensure hand sanitizer/ hand washing is occurring when a participant is done with an activity.
 - Be trained on how to properly sanitize each activity and equipment used in that activity.

- Wear protective gear as needed when sanitizing, serving meals and/or interacting with guests, including but not limited to masks, gloves, face shields, protective eyewear to sanitize, etc.

Dining Hall Procedures/Meals:

- All guests are required to wash hands, preferably at their cabin's bathroom, before arriving to the dining hall and then use hand sanitizer before entering the Dining Hall for meals.
- Masks must be worn at all times, INCLUDING GOING THROUGH THE SERVING LINE, unless actively eating and drinking while sitting at the table.
- Dining Hall staff will wear masks in addition to gloves and hairnets while preparing and serving food.
- All food will be served by camp staff, unfortunately the salad bar will no longer be self-serve.
- All drinks will be self-served through a hand's free device or served by camp staff.
- Each small group should sit at their own table and the same table for all meals while visiting camp whether inside or outside.
- GSCTX camp staff will allow groups inside in a separated manner so that proper spacing is maintained entering the Dining Hall and in the serving line. While waiting to go inside, each cohort (troop) must be separated from other cohorts. When called inside, each cohort will go directly to the serving line.
- If the weather is good, guests will be served in to-go containers and seated outside. In the event of rainy or severe weather, campers will go straight to their pre-assigned table in the dining hall.
- Campers need to avoid standing up/moving around/leaving their tables once seated, especially if eating inside the dining hall.
- GSCTX camp staff will invite campers to have seconds for each table individually. Campers will not be allowed back into the serving line for seconds on food unless a camp staff member invites them.
- When finished with the meal:
 - Trash cans will be located throughout the dining area. Please avoid "bunching" at the trash cans, members of different groups should not approach the trash can until the previous group is no longer at the trash can.
 - A spray bottle with cleaning solution and a rag will be on each table. The table must be wiped down by the guests at that table before leaving the dining hall.
 - The entire table should leave together, not bunching up with another table/group at the exit.

IMPORTANT: Remember that each group/troop is responsible for bringing with them a CPR/First Aid certified adult to serve as the designated First Aid person for that group. A well-stocked first aid kit, health histories on everyone attending, and a comprehensive plan in case someone becomes ill or injured should be standard in your planning process. When carpooling, how will a person who is ill get home/off camp?