



Weekend trips to Camps Texlake or Kachina

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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 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 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 activities will be sanitized each 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 pre-screening questions upon arrival
- All guests (including children) and camp staff are encouraged but not required to wear CDC Approved masks.
- 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 so 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 need to 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 encouraged to sleep toe to head and not head-to-head.
 - Campers in the top bunks should try to 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 should sleep with their feet to the fan, not their head.
- If a cabin has flaps, they should 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 should try to remain in their group throughout their weekend, including while at activities.

- Groups will only be allowed at an 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.
- Staff will have hand sanitizer at all activities for guests to use.
- Equipment will be sanitized as needed by an instructor.
- No swaps will be allowed while we are still under COVID-19 protocols. S'mores may be done at your unit if you have an appropriately trained volunteer. **However, no s'mores will be offered as part of the meal passes at the communal campfire.**
- GSCTX Camp Staff will:
 - 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 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, or serving meals.

Dining Hall Procedures/Meals:

- All guests are asked 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.
- 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.
- Each small group should sit at their own table and the same table for all meals while visiting camp whether inside or outside.
- All guests should try to limit standing up/moving around/leaving their tables once seated, if eating inside the dining hall.
- GSCTX camp staff will invite guests to have seconds from each table individually.
- 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?