

## Statement of Risk and Release of Liability

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees in the Mecklenburg Council is our top priority. In light of COVID-19, we are taking additional precautions for participation at our council camps.

Mecklenburg County Council will follow the guidelines as outlined by CDC, State of North Carolina and the National Boy Scouts of America. The guidelines from these organizations change as new information is obtained, as a result, mitigation procedures may change. Our full COVID-19 mitigation plan can be found on the Mecklenburg County Council's website, [www.mccscouting.org](http://www.mccscouting.org).

Our mitigation plan is important, but it cannot remove the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Some people with COVID-19 show no signs or symptoms of illness but can still spread a virus, and people may be contagious while they are asymptomatic. This means that an infected person may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

We realize that the very nature of camp makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others. We encourage everyone to maintain the proper physical distancing in accordance with the CDC guidelines.

We know that each Scout, Scouter, volunteer, and Scouting family has a unique set of circumstances to consider when deciding whether to attend camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make those choices.

On the opposite side of this page is a Waiver and Release of Liability related to COVID-19. Please read the entire page. Then, please fill out the bottom portion and sign the form. This form must accompany each Scout and adult attending a unit function at either Camp Grimes or Belk Scout Camp, a district program at camp, or a council camping program event (i.e. Webelos Adventure Camp, Carolina Trailblazer Camp, Day Camp, etc.)

# Waiver and Release of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

*The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, and there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.*

*The facilities of the Mecklenburg County Council, Boy Scouts of America (hereafter, the "MCC") include, but are not limited to, Belk Scout Camp, located just outside of Charlotte, Mecklenburg Scout Reservation, located in McDowell County, NC and our Scout Service Center in Charlotte and all properties, buildings, or structures owned and/or used by the MCC, including, but not limited to, lakes, program buildings and outdoor areas, bath and restroom areas, and their associated facilities, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "THE FACILITIES".*

*The MCC cannot prevent you or any members of your family who use the FACILITIES from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while utilizing THE FACILITIES. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to utilize THE FACILITIES, you may be exposing yourself and/or your family members to and/or increasing your risk of contracting and/or spreading COVID-19.*

*ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understand the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 for myself and/or my family in order to utilize THE FACILITIES.*

*WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I and the members of my household or family hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against the MCC, and its board members, officers, officials, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to utilization of THE FACILITIES. I understand that this waiver and release means I and the members of my household or family give up our right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I or any member of my household or family may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.*

*I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND RELEASE AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR ME AND ALL MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY:*

***Please sign below and bring this page to camp and turn in upon your arrival.***

Unit Type: Pack/Troop/Crew Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(If participant is under 18)