

Rafting Trip Guidelines:

Dear scouts and scouting families,

As you are likely aware, transmission of COVID-19 is back on the rise in Georgia and the Delta variant is a growing concern. Because we are committed to providing a safe and enriching experience for all our scouts, the Troop 77 and Troop 177 leadership teams are establishing the following rules for the August whitewater rafting trip. Full compliance will be required from all participants. Please notify Andrew Kraft by July 30 if you are unable to commit to these actions and need to withdraw from the trip.

- All participants must submit proof of full COVID-19 vaccination (i.e., with the final dose administered no later than July 30th) OR proof of a negative result from a COVID-19 rapid test or PCR test. The test must be conducted no earlier than Tuesday, August 10.
- A final pre-trip review of participants' COVID-19 vaccination and testing results is expected to be held the evening of August 12 to ensure compliance. **You will not be allowed to go on the trip if the Troop has not received your vaccination record or negative COVID-19 test by 5pm on Thursday, August 12.**
- We are still working with the outfitter to determine their reimbursement policy for anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 and must withdraw from the rafting trip.
- If at any time a vaccinated or unvaccinated participant becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms, they will immediately be isolated, and their parents will be contacted to take them home or seek medical care.

Expectations for wearing face masks:

- All participants, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, are expected to wear masks when indoors, in a vehicle with others who are not in their family (e.g. carpool, rafting shuttle), or when outside and distancing from others is difficult or environmental factors (e.g. lack of airflow) make wearing a mask necessary.
- Examples of outdoor activities where a mask will need to be worn by both vaccinated and unvaccinated participants include during assemblies, during food preparation, when sheltering under a pavilion, or other situations where it is not feasible to maintain six feet of separation for >15 minutes)
- Participants should NOT wear masks while rafting or during any activities where masks would become wet, making breathing difficult.
- Scouts are expected to properly wear well-fitting face masks that cover their nose and mouth. If a scout is repeatedly reminded to correctly wear their mask, parents will be asked to come and pick up their scout and return home.
- Adult leaders have an important role in ensuring safety during Scouting activities, and scouts are expected to comply with safety instructions at all times, having a mask ready to wear as needed.

By issuing final payment for the rafting trip, you are agreeing to these policies and procedures.

Mask not needed
















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**Unvaccinated
Participants**

Activity

**Vaccinated
Participants**

	During watersports (e.g., rafting, swimming, or other activities when masks are likely to get wet)	
	While in tents	
	Traveling in family vehicle (to/ from campsite)	
	Traveling in vehicles with persons outside of direct family (e.g., rafting company vans)	
	Outdoors while participants are not crowded	
	Outdoors during crowded activities (e.g., assemblies, patrol food preparation, sheltering under a pavilion, 1-to-1 training, etc.)	
	Indoors	