

# POLICY REGARDING ADULT LEADERS & VISITORS AT SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP

The answer to a frequent question about needing the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record is:

*Yes, if you are an adult staying for any overnight period at Camp Marin-Sierra, you need a complete BSA Annual Health & Medical Record, Parts A, B & C approved by a physician.*

In recent years there has been some confusion regarding medical records and membership registration requirements for volunteers and adult unit leaders at Summer Camp or other long-term Scouting activities. Although considered to be separate matters, each of those policy updates employs a similar 72-hour threshold. To further clarify:

## **BSA REGISTRATION:**

*"All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive."*

*Please keep in mind that this will change effective September 1, 2023 with the requirement that all adults on overnight unit outings will need to be registered BSA leaders.*

- This requirement is based on the hours that an adult is at an activity regardless of the length of the activity.
- While a week of Summer Camp lasts longer than 72 hours, if an adult is only present for two days (48 hours), that adult would not need to be a BSA-registered leader.
- However, it does not matter if those hours are consecutive. If an adult left camp on Wednesday morning but was planning on arriving back at camp Friday morning to spend the rest of week with their troop, they would need to be registered.
- A specific position is not required in terms of registration – a leader may be registered as a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Member, Committee Chair, etc. (Merit Badge Counselor registration only however is not sufficient) with current Youth Protection training.

## **BSA ANNUAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD (AHMR) – PART C:**

*"A pre-participation physical [Part C] is needed for resident, tour, or trek camps or for a Scouting event of more than 72 hours . . ."*

- The requirement for Part C of the medical form is based on the length of time of the activity, regardless of the period of time that the participant is actually present.
- Every participant (Scout camper or adult leader) at Summer Camp needs to have a complete BSA Annual Health & Medical Record – Parts A, B, and C.
- This requirement is based on the fact that longer duration activities are generally more strenuous or in more remote locations (Marin-Sierra is at 5400 ft elevation and more than 20 minutes from professional Emergency Response Services).

- Individuals who are just dropping off Scouts, or only in camp a few hours are regarded as “visitors” and do not need to possess a Part C; a health history consisting of Parts A & B are desired as they contain vaccine and other important information.
- Anyone spending the night is regarded as a participant and not a visitor.

Please consider the following common situational examples:

**Scenario #1: Adult is arriving at Summer Camp for a partial week; Monday through Thursday.**

- Needs to be BSA-registered. (The adult is present more than 72 hours)
- Needs to have full medical – Parts A, B, and C. (The camp lasts longer than 72 hours)

**Scenario #2: Adult arrives in camp Thursday night and is leaving with the troop on Saturday morning.**

- Does NOT need to be BSA-registered. (The adult is in camp less than 72 hours)
- Needs to have a full medical – Parts A, B, and C. (The camp lasts longer than 72 hours)

***Feel free to reach out to the Marin Council Scout Service Center should you have any further questions on this important matter of concern.***

