



Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) for 2019 Summer Camping Season

We have updated the required medical forms for the 2019 Summer Camping season and in effort to call out the areas where signatures are required, These lines have been highlighted in yellow.

AMHR serves many purposes. Completing a health history promotes health awareness, collects necessary data, and provides medical the professionals critical information needed to treat a patient in the event of an illness or injury. It also provides emergency contact information.

Because we care about our participants' health and safety, the Boy Scouts of America has produced and required use of a standardized annual health and medical information since at least the 1930's. Because the state of New York regulates the camping industry the Annual Health and Medical Record also serves as a tool the enables councils to operate day and resident camps and adhere to BSA and state requirements.

In addition to the AHMR, in New York, we are required to have a medication administration form signed by both the parent and the physician. We are also required to have a signed sunscreen and insect repellent authorization form for self-application or assisted application by campers.

Below are some of the most commonly asked questions about the AHMR.

Q: Who needs to complete an Annual Health and Medical record?

A: For all Scouting activities, all participants must complete Part A and Part B. "All Participants" includes parents, guardians, sibling youth, staff, and unit leaders. Although Part C is only required for participation in events lasting longer than 72 hours, all BSA participants are encouraged to complete the Pre-Participation Physical during an annual physical by a medical professional.

Q: What is meant by "Annual"?

A: An AHMR is valid through the end of the 12th month from the date it was administered by your medical provider. For example, a physical Administered March 3, 2018 would be valid through March 2019.

Q: Can I attach a physical, current within the last 12 months, that was done for school or sports?

A: Part A and B of the AHMR must be completed on our form, these sections require only parent's approval except if prescription medications are required. If prescription medications are required, the healthcare provider must sign on Part B. In addition, the healthcare provider must complete and sign Part C on our form. You may attach supporting documentation like immunization records. **PLEASE plan ahead and make sure that your healthcare provider knows that our form must be used.**

Q: Will my child be allowed to have or apply sunscreen or insect repellent without signed, parent and healthcare provider approval?

A: NO. New York State law requires that the use of sunscreen and insect repellent have **parental and healthcare provider approval** and camps must maintain these records for inspection by the state health department. Without a signed approval form, campers may not have or use sunscreen or insect repellent.

Q: If my healthcare provider and I give approval for distribution of over the counter medications to my child, are they guaranteed to be provided the medications?

A: No. New York State requires individual diagnosis by a licensed healthcare provider. Seneca Waterways Council camps employ EMT's in health officer roles and it is outside of their scope of practice to diagnose. Our health officers will reach out to the child's healthcare provider or the council physician for over the phone diagnosis. If the child has a parent in camp, we can provide the over the counter medications to the parent who can diagnosis their child and provide the medication. Without healthcare provider approval or an onsite parent, the over the counter medication will not be provided. Sunscreen and insect repellent only require parental authorization.

Q: I have a question about the Annual Health and Medical record, who should I contact?

A: you can contact health@senecawaterways.org and one of our health and safety committee members or a camp healthcare staff member will get back to you. During the summer camp season, please contact the camp office directly.

Yours in Scouting

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