

CLARIFICATION ON SUMMER CAMP PHYSICALS

For many years the issues regarding “Summer Camp Physicals” have been the most confusing and confounding things that volunteers and professionals alike have struggled with. In December 2008 the Boy Scouts of America announced a new *Annual Health & Medical Record* form that would be put into effect beginning in January 2010. This form was published on the Scouting.org web site, discussed at summer camp in 2009, and at various district roundtables.

The biggest change is that **all youth and adults attending any event that exceeds 72 hours, a resident camp setting, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding (such as service projects, work weekends, or high adventure treks)** must have **PART B** of the form completed and signed by a certified and licensed healthcare provider - physician (MD, DO), nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant as appropriate. Also, there is no longer a difference in the exam interval based on age. **PARTS A and C** must be completed annually. The Annual Health and Medical Record is for everyone. To compound matters, the State of Connecticut Youth Camp Regulations requires other forms with which we must comply.

Councils across the country have worked with the BSA to constantly update the form to include *most* information required by the various state health departments. To accommodate a specific need required by the State of Connecticut, we have added **PART D** to the BSA medical record. Additionally, there are other Connecticut Rivers Council medical forms currently in use that will be valid through 2010.

As there have been several different Health Forms published and circulated over the past year, Connecticut Rivers Council resident camps and day camps will accept any current form meeting the above requirements. Beginning January 2011 the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record, with Connecticut Rivers Council PART D will be the only accepted form.

Acceptable Health Forms are available from the Council Service Center or at www.ctrivers.org.