

Aurora Medical Team - Medical Support Activities

Information for BSA Activity Leads - Camporees and Klondikes

Aurora Medical Team, Explorer Post 525, provides first aid and medical services at the BLS (Basic Life Support) level. Adult and explorer volunteers will staff a first aid location for the duration of the activity.

This packet is provided to BSA activity leads so you understand AMT protocols to support your activity. If you are an experienced activity lead that has worked with AMT you are already familiar with our group and we welcome your comments on this packet. If this is the first time you have worked with AMT these instructions should give you the information you need to include us in your activity plan.

Your activity should appear on our team web site at www.auroramedteam.org. If you see incorrect or missing information there please notify our contact or send email to amt@auroramedteam.org.

Contacts

AMT will assign one adult and one explorer who will act as leads for AMT's deployment to the activity. The name and contact info for our coordinators will be provided to the activity POC. POCs should coordinate directly with these volunteers. However, you can always contact AMT at our team email address: amt@auroramedteam.org. The AMT leads will support your activity planning process, receive emails of information, and attend your planning meetings if necessary or requested.

Philosophy

The operating philosophy of AMT is to:

- + provide initial care in a medical emergency
- + provide rapid and smooth transition/transport to EMS responders
- + treat minor injuries and illnesses on scene with minimal impact to the activity and scout unit
- + assist units to deal with medical decisions regarding participants
- + support first aid education and awareness

No Costs for Medical Services

AMT provides medical services at no cost to the activity. Volunteers, travel, expenses, equipment, and medical supplies are provided by AMT. We ask that AMT volunteers be excused from any registration or participation fees for the activity. AMT volunteers do not register with the scouts who attend the activity or provide BSA health/consent forms. If there are incidental costs that would be appropriate for AMT members to provide please coordinate this with our volunteer.

Location and Campsite

AMT deployment includes tents and/or RVs, and/or camping equipment for team personnel. Usually, AMT camp is adjacent to or with the primary first aid station. AMT will coordinate with the activity lead to be assigned a campsite or location. AMT will provide food for our personnel. Campsite location should include considerations such as proximity to the activity staff (for coordination), visibility to the participants, ambulance access, and access to the activity areas.

Warm Up Tent

For anticipated cold weather activities AMT you can request that AMT provide a warm up tent. Please confirm this with our activity lead so the appropriate tent(s) and heaters can be brought to the activity. If the activity is providing their own warm up tent we ask that our volunteers provide the staff for this, as it often is a likely area to detect a medical situation.

Communications

AMT has a multi-frequency radio inventory that is compatible with most equipment used by the districts. If a special/commercial radio is obtained by the activity then we ask that a radio be assigned to AMT. Otherwise, we will use our radio equipment and monitor your frequencies. AMT will need to know which channel(s) are planned to be used. For FRS/Motorola type radios AMT usually reserves channel 525 for first aid use. This channel may be

published to activity participants as a medical contact channel, since many of the troop have their own FRS/Motorola type radios.

Health History Forms

Usually, AMT prefers not to take possession of BSA health history forms. They should be retained by the activity registrar, units, etc..., based on your activity plan. We should know the location of these forms so we can have access to them on request (in case of serious emergency). However, treatment or medical evacuation will not be delayed if a form is not present or cannot be located. First aid is always provided in accordance with Colorado law.

Medical Records

AMT maintains internal medical records for all treatment. Due to patient confidentiality AMT will not routinely release these records to the activity lead or BSA. In case of insurance claims or other matters AMT will release records to a requesting agency, BSA, or parent/guardian with proper and legal authorization. (Summer camp BSA medical procedures, forms, logs, and requirements do not apply to Camporees and Klondikes). Note: If AMT is providing medical support at a Webelos certified summer camp then BSA required forms and logs will be used and provided to the camp director.

Medical Report

At the end of the activity AMT will provide the activity lead with a summary of the medical activity (# of participants seen, category of treatments, comments, etc...). The activity lead will also be provided with an evaluation form to rate the team's support and provide feedback.

Assistance By Medical Professionals

If the activity will include a medical professional (doctor, nurse, paramedic, etc...) that wants to be available for medical emergencies please have them contact us at the activity. We will work with any medical professional and welcome all certified assistance.

Contact with Local EMS

AMT will coordinate with the local EMS service to advise them of our presence and the activity. We will pre-identify phone numbers, response agencies, and response times. If an activity participant calls 911 directly we ask that we be notified immediately so we can support the EMS arrival at the activity. We would prefer that the initial call be directed to the team, so we can quickly respond and make the 911 call if necessary. There is no need for the activity lead to do this coordination.

Arrival and Departure

Usually, AMT will provide an advance team that will arrive with the first elements of the activity staff. AMT will try to keep at least a small team on site until the activity is over and most participants have departed.

Medication Assistance

If requested, AMT will store and supervise participant's access to prescription medications. However, there is no requirement for scouts or scout leaders to use AMT to assist with prescription medications, so they may remain with the units and individuals. We will assist if there is a younger scout or individual that parents feel should be monitored. Additionally, AMT has containers to store temperature sensitive medications such as insulin.

Activity and Campsite Locations

After the participants arrive AMT will request to confirm where individual activities will be (by name) and where the list/map of units/campsites is. In case of emergency AMT needs to be able to find a troop and/or a campsite by number or designation. This information is usually available from the activity registrar.

Briefing to Participants at Cracker Barrel and/or SPL Meeting

AMT has a short briefing (two minutes) of prepared remarks that we provide to the adult and scout initial activity meetings, such as a cracker

barrel or SPL gathering. We request that we be introduced at those meetings to let folks know we are there, who we are, where we are, and how to contact us.

AMT Support for an Activity Event

Sometimes AMT is requested to design and staff an event at a Camporee or Klondike (usually for first aid). If we are providing this additional service we will have a separate adult/explorer volunteer to work with your events coordinator.

Medical Evacuation

In cases of serious illness and injury AMT will activate the EMS system. The activity staff and BSA unit will be contacted as soon as possible to let them know that a participant is injured/ill and is being evacuated.

In cases where an ambulance is not necessary, but the participant needs to return home, AMT will work with the unit leader, parents (by phone), and/or the activity lead to achieve a consensus decision for departure. The unit will be asked to help with coordination to have the parents pick up or have an authorized unit leader take the participant home. If the unit's departure is imminent then AMT may be able to keep the participant under our care until the unit is ready to depart. However, if medical considerations are clear that the participant cannot stay at the activity we ask that the activity lead support our medical decision to have the individual returned back to parental care.

Costs

AMT provides all supplies and medical equipment at no cost to the district. We ask that AMT personnel not pay any participation or camping fees. Donations from the districts to help defray the cost of medical supplies are not expected, however, they are received with gratitude and appreciation!

Coordination Information

AMT will request the following information:

- + contact information (phone, email) for the activity lead(s)
- + time and locations of planning meetings if AMT is requested to attend
- + specific locations for the participants of the activity (which buildings, which campgrounds, loops, etc... will be used)
- + campsite assignment for AMT
- + a copy of the activity flyer and/or handbook (electronic preferred), with map, schedule, list of events
- + communications plan/frequencies to be used
- + expected time that the first activity volunteers will arrive, and coordination for our early arrival team
- + known information about the facility (electricity, telephones, water, roads, facility manager, etc...)

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