

This monthly update email is sent to registered Camp Coordinators, Scoutmasters, and Committee Chairs. For previous month editions [follow this link](#)



April 2020

Good Afternoon Camp Coordinators, Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs!

First and foremost, I hope you, your families and Scouts are all well and staying healthy. We understand there is a lot of concern and questions about how COVID-19 could affect summer camp. Please know that we are monitoring developments regarding this health crisis with our Council Health Supervisor from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

We continue to prepare for summer camp and look forward to welcoming all our Scouting families this summer!

We have recently sent contracts to our camp staff, we continue to secure supplies, and we just finalized a dining hall menu with our new food service provider.

At this time, our goal is to operate camp on the published calendar as originally planned. In order to do that, to the best of our ability, we need to maintain the schedule in place (reservations, merit badge selection, payment structure, etc.)

****We are keeping the early bird deadline set to April 15.****

PARENT PORTAL

With all Crossroads of America Council events being postponed until April 30, we realize this may cause some issues with collecting camp fee money from families. Parent Portal is an **optional** feature that allows you (the registration contact) to provide your parents with access to just their Scout's part of the registration, to make payments and complete data entry. **Features of the Parent Portal only work if enabled by your unit** (payments, merit badge selection, etc.). Please watch and share these helpful tutorials.

[Parent Portal - Leader's Guide](#)
[Parent Portal - Parent's Guide](#)
[Parent Portal - FAQ](#)

CAMPERSHIPS

Applications are now being reviewed by the committee. Parents who submitted camperships will be notified of the results by April 13 (via email). If a Scout's campership is approved, then the dollar amount will be entered onto your troop's reservation by the council. The Council will continue to review applications as they are received beyond the deadline.

HEALTH FORMS

We are aware that many doctor offices are not accepting patients at this time for routine physical exams. This is an obstacle that we are currently working on to identify a solution. I will let you know when we have an answer.

Remember forms are valid for one calendar year, and must be completed by all youth and adults staying overnight, regardless of the length of stay.

REFUND POLICY FOR COVID-19

We have updated our Council refund policies for Summer 2020, specifically related to COVID-19:

- Should state officials ask us to reduce or not host larger gatherings, including summer camp, we will refund affected participants.
- Should a participant become ill prior to camp or other event, we will provide a full refund for the participant and any participating family members. The participant and participating family members will not be allowed to attend.
- We want to help you plan and minimize your risk. Should a person register for summer camp or a council event and later elect not to attend because of COVID-19 related concerns we will provide a credit for future use.

PROGRAM CHANGE - PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Because of your feedback, we will be adjusting the age minimum for the Personal Watercraft (PWC) program at camp this summer! **The new age minimum will be decreased to 15 years old** (minimum permitted by Indiana Law). Previously set at 16 years old, this will allow more of your Scouts to participate in this outstanding program! The Indiana Boaters Certificate, state issued ID card, and waiver requirements are still in effect.

This change will go into effect at 9am on Saturday, April 18th on the Scouting Event registration site. This will give you time to talk with Scouts who may be interested in participating.

RANSBURG VIDEO SERIES

Episode 3 of the Video Series is now available and reviews various services at camp that support your Troop's camping experience. This includes: Adult Leader

Training, Dining Hall, Trading Post, Health Lodge, and Quartermaster. **This quick 3 minute episode is a quick watch.** For previous video series episodes, including the new check-in procedures, and what's new at camp this summer, [click here](#).

GENERAL CALENDAR

DUE DATE	ACTION
April 1	Campership Applications Due
April 15	Balance for Early Payment Due
May 15	Balance for Regular Payment Due
May 16	Late Payment Begins

Note: All registration fees are due two weeks prior to your week at camp.

This is a changing situation and if it is warranted closer to camp, our Council Physician will make additional recommendations regarding sanitation procedures, changes in how we operate to improve "social distancing" at camp, and increased education to campers and staff.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions or need help with anything.

Take Care,