



SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

APRIL 20TH, 2020

I hope this finds all of you safe and well. Some quick updates:

- We have listened to weekly conference calls from BSA, as well as our government. We are awaiting Gov. Pritzker's announcement about summer camps.
- The CDC is writing recommendations about camping in this challenging time. We will implement their recommendations and keep you informed.
- It does look like we will be providing food in campsites.
- We will probably be limiting campfires as well as family night.
- Visitors should expect to be cleared through the Health Lodge just like scouts.
- Last week, we offered to extend the Early Bird registration fee for those units reserving their site by April 22. Due to issues of getting deposits in, we are extending this to Sunday April 26 at Midnight.

Several of you have raised questions:

- The early Bird fee applies to Webelos crossovers, just like it did in the past.
- You can move your week without penalty, just contact us. We cannot guarantee the same site, but we will work with you.
- The merit badge sign-up will be corrected as of tomorrow morning (4/21).
- We are hoping to have more guidance from National about the AHMR for camp by this time next week.

Recent progress around camp:

- The stairs to the waterfront were replaced
- The Fire bowl work is continuing, Dave tells me the last several rows of benches are on site and will be installed soon.
- Many trees were cut down
- Work has started on two low cope events, Work removing stumps at the Porthole was completed.
- Work on the Ranger house is progressing.

How to make a campsite deposit while Service Center / Scout Shop is closed:

- Online Deposit -- Credit Card or e-Check
 - At check-out, you can choose to pay by credit card or e-check (directly from a bank account). You will also have the choice to pay the minimum \$150, full amount, or customize how much you want to pay. Note: full payment is due no later than two-weeks prior to the session you are attending.
- Mail in a Check
 - Register online then at check-out choose the "mail in a check" option. Please mail in your check promptly to the service center; 921 S. State St., Lockport, IL 60441.

If you have any questions about paying for camp or need help with the registration process, please do not hesitate to reach out to Camp Staff Advisor Alexis Yakich for assistance at Alexis.Yakich@scouting.org.

Sincerely,

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