



# SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

APRIL 27TH, 2020

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

## WEEK 1 of Summer Camp CANCELED

- We have listened to weekly conference calls from BSA, as well as our state government. Gov. Pritzker's announced last week that he would be extending the Illinois Quarantine until May 31. This does not provide time for us to open summer camp for week 1. We are therefore canceling Week 1. If your troop was scheduled for week 1 you may either reschedule to a later week or receive a full refund of fees you have paid.
- We have not seen the CDC camping guidelines but when we do, we will forward them to you.
- Tomorrow (Tuesday April 28) we will be sending out a survey via Rainbow Council Blast to obtain additional information. Please ask your parents to return the survey by Friday April 30. We are very interested in assessing the plans and concerns of our parents and stakeholders.

## Steps we are currently taking:

- We will be providing hot pack meals in the campsites. (You will still receive the three meals your troop cooked in site in the past.)
- Camp wide fire bowls will be strictly limited to campers only; for the safety of our campers, outside guest will not be welcomed this year. We will be developing a method of social distancing during the campfires.
- Merit Badge, and Pathfinders groups will be limited to 9 participants per session. We may have multiple sessions at the same time, but group size will be limited. If you are wait listed do not worry about it.
- BSA has suggested that people, scouts and leaders, in high risk groups consult their doctor before attending camp.
- We are looking into developing a Sanitation Crew to keep the camp clean.
- We will be conducting Med checks, including taking temperatures before anyone leaves the parking lot and enters the rest of camp.
- We will have hand sanitizer at all program areas, and we will require its use.
- We *may* require face masks.
- Troops should consider having campers in individual tents.
- If your troop does not have a dining tarp, please contact us to arrange for one.

**Please take 3 minutes to complete the following survey:**

We want to hear your thoughts and feelings about the summer camping season for 2020. It is very important to us that we provide a safe and meaningful program for you and your families. These surveys are created to be completed by scouts, unit leaders, and parents. Please help us spread the word; we want to hear from everyone! These surveys will close by the end of the day on Friday, April 30th.

**Scouts BSA Summer Camp:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3FMT5CX>

**Cub Scout Resident Camp:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/77XHMT3>

**Cub Scout Resident Camp Update:**

Late registration fees have been lifted for Cub Scout Resident Camp as well. All social distancing and sanitation procedures being implemented during the summer camp weeks will also be enforced during the resident camp sessions. At this time, not other changes have been made.

Sincerely,

Jim Thuot  
Summer Camp Director

