April 9, 2020

Dear Scout Leaders & Parents,

With the current COVID-19 pandemic still underway, there have been some questions regarding Camp Tahquitz summer camp this year. To alleviate some concerns, I thought it would be helpful to share with all of you our current decision timeline and pre-camp preparation information.

This summer may not look like all the summers that have come before or any of the summers that will come after. What we do know is that camp plays a vital role in the lives of our Scouts and Scouters. At this time, we are still preparing to provide our Scouts with a safe, fun camping experience to relive them from this time of being stuck inside.

Rest assured that the Long Beach Area Council will only conduct summer camp if it is legal, safe, and practical to do so.

Decision Timeline
Below are major dates for decisions to cancel or move our summer events moving forward:

- Summer Camp -- Week 1 (July 5-11) June 5
- Summer Camp -- Week 2 (July 12-18) June 12
- Summer Camp -- Week 3 (July 19-25) June 19
- Summer Camp -- Week 4 (July 26-August 1) June 26
- Family Adventure Camp (August 5-8) July 3
- Webelos Weekend (August 14-16) July 17

Pre-Camp Information Meetings
The Camp Director and some of the Summer Camp staff will hold the following Pre-Camp Information Meetings via Zoom. Let us know if you have not received the password and would like to join.

- April 18, 1:00 pm
  - Meeting ID: 463 244 337

- April 25, 9:00 am
  - Meeting ID: 741 232 094

Payment Schedule
Payments are due according to the original schedule.

- First Payment Deposit is due upon submitting your application.
  - A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of $200 is required with the completed application form. (It will be returned if no space is available or if the council needs to
cancel the event). The deposit is applied to a troop's final payment, not to any specific individual.

- Second Payment is due February 1st - An additional payment of $100 times the total number of Scouts is due. For example if you have signed up 20 Scouts then $2,000.00 is due.

- Third Payment is due May 1st - An additional payment of $100 times the number of Scouts is due. In the same example as above: if you have 20 Scouts signed up then another $2,000.00 is due.

- Fourth Payment is due 14 days prior to arrival at camp A late fee of $100.00 will be added to your final bill payment if received less than 14 days prior to arrival at camp.

If you have families that are facing financial difficulties, please have them apply for council campership funds. A campership form is posted here: https://www.longbeachbsa.org/tahquitz/summercamp. No Scout should be denied an opportunity to attend summer camp because of his or her family's financial challenges.

**Refunds**

**Council Cancellations**

If the Council decides to cancel any reservations, you will have the following three options:

- Full refund
- Apply your payment to another reservation in 2020 or 2021.
- Donate all or a portion of your payment to help the Long Beach Area Council through this time

**Unit Cancellations**

If a unit decides to cancel their reservations, all previous payments will be forfeited.

**Reservation Adjustments**

Adjustment to the quantity of youth and adults on a unit's reservation may be modified up to 2 weeks prior to the reservation start date, but site locations may be changed to accommodate units appropriately.

We are all adapting to an ever-changing situation. We appreciate your flexibility as we continue to adapt and work to provide you the best Scouting experience possible.

Wishing you all good health,

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