June 1, 2020

Dear Scout Leaders & Parents,

We are happy to announce our plan for camp activities this summer. We have heard you loud and clear - you and your family want to get outdoors. And perhaps more importantly, you want to be outdoors safely. With this in mind, let me provide you information on how we plan to roll out summer activities:

**Camp Tahquitz**
We are preparing Camp Tahquitz for two phases of outdoor program. The first phase is family camping, which will open Friday, July 3. This means you and your family can set up your own tent, bring your own food, camp overnight, go hiking, and enjoy the fresh mountain air. Reservation and pricing information will be coming soon.

The second phase, when allowed, is unit camping. Units will be able to reserve a campsite and bring their own food to cook in their site. When permissible, we plan on offering limited programming where recommended distancing measures can be maintained. This may include program areas such as archery, bb gun, handicraft, nature center, and the pool. See [www.longbeachbsa.org/summercamp](http://www.longbeachbsa.org/summercamp)

**Long Beach Sea Base**
We will offer canoe and kayak rentals beginning next Saturday, June 13. The rental service will be available Saturdays and Sundays. During the weekdays Monday through Friday, we will offer virtual activities and merit badges in a joint partnership between both Sea Base and Camp Tahquitz staff. This weekday virtual camp is scheduled to begin Monday, June 15. Pricing and details will be posted soon at [www.longbeachbsa.org/seabase](http://www.longbeachbsa.org/seabase)

**Cub Scout Day Camp**
We will be offering a STEM-themed virtual day camp for Cub Scouts of all ages. This will take place during the week of July 6-10. We anticipate this week being a combination of instructor-led activities and self-guided projects. More information will be posted at [www.longbeachbsa.org/daycamp](http://www.longbeachbsa.org/daycamp)

**What’s Next?**
While guidance from the State of California has been slower than expected, we anticipate the Governor to issue more clear guidelines in the coming days on what additional activities we will be allowed to provide. We will relay additional programmatic opportunities to you as soon as we know. If you have made a deposit for our regular summer camp, we will be in contact with you regarding refunds or credit towards this year’s or next year’s program.

**Information**
Our website and Facebook page are the best and most current sources of information. We update these pages regularly: [www.longbeachbsa.org/camps](http://www.longbeachbsa.org/camps) and [www.facebook.com/longbeachbsa/](http://www.facebook.com/longbeachbsa/)
Your council leadership is aware that summer camp will not look like previous years. But we do believe in the restorative power of nature, the mental health benefit of getting fresh air for both youth and adults, and the incredible growth opportunities that happen simply by being outdoors.

We are confident that Scouts will enjoy time away from home, away from screens and devices no matter what programs are available, and we look forward to providing a space for you and your family to enjoy being outdoors. We will be in touch regularly with further updates as we receive them.

Yours in Scouting,

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