

## Addressing Summer Camp & COVID-19 Considerations

The following are some of the concerns that have been addressed by our Camping Committee, Risk Management Committee, Facilities Committee and our VP of Program:

1. Unpredictability of the length of current restrictions
2. Health and safety of our Scouts and Leaders
3. Adding needed staff to help monitor the health of all participants during check-in and through the week
4. Ability for adult staff and unit leaders to take off time for Summer Camp after being out of work for several weeks
5. Vendors that provide goods and services during Summer Camp
6. Health supplies needed
7. The number of Troops scheduled to attend High Adventure Bases in July
8. Due to Troop High Adventure trips and the possibility of certified instructors not being available if we move Summer Camp to July; will we have the required staff in place to meet Camp Certification requirements needed to ensure General Liability insurance covers all activities during Summer Camp
9. Challenges Scouting families may have paying for Summer Camp
10. The need for a long-term camping experience in relation to the OA and JTE
11. The number of Scouts needed to produce the minimum revenue required to run Summer Camp

After a detailed review of the listed concerns and after a review of responses to a survey given to each Troop that signed up for Summer Camp 2020, the Black Warrior Council has decided on the following:

1. We have scheduled a late Summer Scouts-BSA experience that will provide Scouts the following activities: Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Climbing Tower, overnight camping and a few more fun activities that are in the planning stages.
  - a. Dates – August 14-16 & August 21-23 (Friday check-in and Sunday afternoon check-out) Troops will be allowed to leave their camp site set up during the week (depending on weather)
  - b. Cost – TBD
2. The original dates for Summer Camp and all Staff-related trainings are being cancelled for 2020.
  - a. Refunds will be sent to Troops that have already placed a deposit for Summer Camp 2020, or the Troop can use the deposit to pay for the August two-weekend event.
3. The Council will work with the VP of Program to develop additional online merit badge courses that can be taken during June and July.

Cub Resident Camp will also be cancelled for 2020. We are working to provide a mid to late summer Day Camp experience for our Cub Scout members. Date TBD.

The Aracoma Lodge LEC will be meeting in May to discuss how the cancelation of Summer Camp will impact Troop Elections for 2020 and provide Troops with alternatives.

As soon as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted for gatherings, we will open camp use to any unit that would like to take advantage of Camp Horne and its amenities.

While it will look different than past Summer Camps, we will have a great Scouting experience for our youth and adults. We want to encourage all our Scouts and Leaders to participate in the upcoming events and appreciate your input and ideas.

We will continue to monitor current health concerns. Our priority is the safety of each of our Scouts.